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25th September 2017,

Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 25th September, with regards to referral policy changes for patients who are obese or smoke.

Request/**Response**

1. Have referral policies changed for elective procedures for patients who are obese (with a BMI of 30 or above)?

No, there have been no changes for patients who are obese.

2. Have referral policies changed for elective procedures for patients who smoke?

No, there have been no changes related to smoking.

3. Are you considering changing referral policies for elective procedures for patients who are obese?

No.

4. Are you considering changing referral policies for elective procedures for patients who smoke?

No.

5. If yes to any of the above what has the change been or what are you considering?

N/A

6. What is the current average wait from referral to treatment for elective hip replacements for patients who are obese or smoke?

Referral to treatment varies across providers but is within the 18 week national target. There is no difference in wait times for patients who are obese or smoke than those who are not obese or do not smoke.

7. What is the current average wait from referral to treatment for elective hip replacements for patients who are not obese and do not smoke?

Referral to treatment varies across providers but is within the 18 week national target. There is no difference in wait times for patients who are obese or smoke than those who are not obese or do not smoke.

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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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