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18th October 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 22nd September in regards to restrictions around clinical procedures.

Request/**Response**

1) I would like to know if you have delayed care or refused any form of treatment, procedure or surgery, for patients on the grounds that they smoke or because they are obese?

ii. If so has this happened during this current financial year, and also if this has happened in the 2015/2016 financial year?

Please see link below directing you to our commissioning policy. There are some procedures within the commissioning policy that have weight restrictions and smoking status in the criteria.

Beyond the commissioning policy it is a clinical decision made by individual consultants as to whether surgery/treatment goes ahead if there is a safety issue raised by the patient's smoking status or weight, the CCG does not record or have access to any clinical decisions.

<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1735/final-liverpool-ccg-commissioning-policy-13-05-2015-for-website.pdf>

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

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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