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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 23rd September 2016.

You asked for information about refusal of treatment:

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.

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

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) current criteria for treatments/procedures/surgery are listed within our Procedures of Lower Clinical Priority Commissioning Policy and Infertility Policy. This includes any BMI or smoking requirements. I have included links below to the relevant policies which are held on the CCG's website:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/AboutUs/Policies/PLCP%20Wirral%20CCG.pdf>

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/AboutUs/Policies/Infertility%20Policy%20%202015.pdf>

As detailed in the above commissioning policies there are criteria that include BMI and smoking requirements and there are mechanisms in place via the Individual Exceptional Funding Request process for all cases.

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