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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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

**You asked for information on Bariatric Surgery:**

- 1) **What criteria do patients need to meet in order to be referred for bariatric surgery in your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area?**

Bariatric Surgery is Tier 4 weight management and this is currently commissioned by NHS England. I included NHS England's contact information below for you to contact them directly:

Telephone 0300 311 22 33  
Email [England.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:England.contactus@nhs.net)

NHS England  
PO Box 16738  
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- 2) **Will these criteria change or stay the same going forwards into financial year 2017?**

Please see response to question 1.

- 3) **If they change what will the new criteria be?**

Please see response to question 1.

- 4) **Will your CCG's 2017 bariatric surgery criteria be in line with the National Institute for Health Care Excellence (NICE's) latest clinical and quality standard guidelines for bariatric surgery?**

Please see response to question 1.

**5) If any, what additional criteria will patients in your CCG's area have to meet in order to be referred for bariatric surgery over and above those set out in the NICE quality standards?**

**(For example; a 10% weight loss prior to referral).**

Please see response to question 1.

**6) Does your CCG fund tier 3 weight loss programmes within the area?**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does fund tier 3 weight loss programmes.

**7) How many patients were referred by your CCG for bariatric surgery in the last financial year (year end 2015)?**

There were 15 new assessments in Bariatrics in 2015-16 from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP).

**8) How many have you referred to date in 2016?**

There have been 13 new assessments (April – October) from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP).

**9) Does your CCG keep records as to how many of the patients referred for bariatric have type 2 diabetes? If these are recorded can you, please supply figures for year end 2015 and to date 2016?**

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral CCG does not hold this level of information and suggest you contact the providers that deliver this service, specifically Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust and I have included their contact information below:

[FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk)

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