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Dear,

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on 16 April 2013

You requested the following information.

Q1 - Please detail all new measures your CCG has put in place for 2013/14 to limit GP referrals for any procedures deemed non-urgent or "low-clinical priority". Please explain the rationale for making each of these changes.

Please refer to response provided to question3.

Q2 - Please state how much money the CCG estimates the measures outlined in the response to Q1 will save in 2013/14.

Please refer to response provided to question3.

Q3 - Please detail any specific changes the CCG has made for 2013/14 to the criteria for referring patients for any of the following procedures or treatments:

NEW Devon CCG is undertaking work to provide consistent access to patients across the geographical area it serves. To achieve this it will assess if the policies in place from previous organisations result in geographical disparity and if so will

undertake work to address this. No changes have yet been made but there is work underway on some of the items on the list which may result in changes being agreed.

- **Knee surgery/replacements**
- **Hip impingement/replacements/resurfacing**
- **Cataract surgery**
- **Tonsillectomies**
- **Bariatric surgery**
- **In vitro fertilisation (IVF)**
- **Open MRI scans**
- **Carpal tunnel syndrome**
- **Dupuytren's contracture**

Satisfaction

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or by email at d-ccg.foi@nhs.net Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You of course can write directly to the CCGs Chief Officer if you prefer using the "contact us" details displayed on the CCG website.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 700

Fax: 01625 524 510

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Yours sincerely,

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