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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 Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 18:11.

The CCG is confirming in accordance with Section - (1) (a) of the Act, it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

Please see our response below the information you requested.

Clarification required.

On the 15 November we sought the following clarification from you.

Before we process your request and to ensure we answer it as accurately as possible can you please provide a date for us to base our search.

For example, are you seeking information from January 2016 to date?

On the 15 November you provided the following clarification.

Thank you. Yes Jan 2016 to date.

You requested the following information.

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

- **Have referral policies changed for elective procedures for patients who smoke?**

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- **Are you considering changing referral policies for elective procedures for patients who are obese?**
- **Are you considering changing referral policies for elective procedures for patients who smoke?**
- **If yes to any of the above what has the change been or what change are you considering?**
- **What is the current average wait from referral to treatment for elective hip replacements for patients who are obese or smoke?**
- **What is the current average wait from referral to treatment for elective hip replacements for patients who are not obese and do not smoke?**

CCG response

NHS Northern Eastern and Western Devon CCG has not stopped anyone receiving treatment due to BMI or smoking during any of these time periods. There has been no change to policy.

The current referral to treatment (RTT) waits for hip surgery for all patients (there's no differentiation based on BMI or smoking status) are currently 26-30 weeks.

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 at the top of this letter 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:

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Yours sincerely,

The Freedom of Information Office

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