

23 May 2018

Dear

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-03425-Y2W8-SOT
FOI-03425-Y2W8-NS

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 May 2018 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG.

You requested the following information from NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG and our response is detailed below:

1. Please state the total number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) for knee surgery that the CCG received in each of the following years:
 - a. 2017-18
 - b. 2016-17
 - c. 2015-16

No IFRs for knee surgery or hip surgery in any of these years for North Staffordshire or Stoke on Trent CCGs

2. Please state the number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) for knee surgery that the CCG approved for funding in each of the three years listed in Q1.

N/A

3. Please state the total number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) for hip surgery that the CCG received in each of the three years listed in Q1.

N/A

4. Please state the number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) for hip surgery that the CCG approved for funding in each of the three years listed in Q1.

N/A

5. Please provide a current list of all services and treatments the CCG commissions which require an Individual Funding Request (IFR) to be made. Please list any services or treatments that have been added to this list in the past 12 months.

The Excluded and Restricted Procedures policy is published at:

<https://www.northstaffsccg.nhs.uk/stoke-governance/policies/commissioning-policies/426-erp-policy-v-4-8-feb-2017/file>.

Any interventions listed as 'excluded' or 'restricted' for which the patient does not meet the criteria, an IFR can be submitted. The IFR process requires the referrer to demonstrate exceptionality and why that patient would benefit more from the intervention than the average patient with the condition.

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Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response, or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact the FOI team to discuss. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, this can be formally requested in writing and must be within a reasonable period of time (two calendar months) from the date this response was issued

Initially you should write to the freedom of information officer, either by email on MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you feel you have been wrongly denied access to the information requested. The freedom of information team will make sure your request is investigated by an independent reviewer who was not involved in the original consideration of your request and a written response will be provided within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS North Staffordshire CCG, and NHS Stoke on Trent CCG. The ICO can be contacted at:

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

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Yours sincerely



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