



27 November 2018

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 18845**

I refer to your email of 8 November requesting information in respect of hip and knee surgery.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

- *In the last two calendar years (2016 and 2017), how many patients in your CCG been denied access to hip and knee surgery on the basis of BMI and/or smoking status criteria?*
- *In the last two calendar years (2016 and 2017), how many patients in your CCG have seen their access to hip and knee surgery delayed on the basis of BMI and/or smoking status criteria?*

### Response

I can confirm that the CCGs do not hold the information sought. The acute Trusts may be able to assist you further – see the following link for a list that should be help to assist you in that regard - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/integratedcare/stps/view-stps/norfolk-and-waveney/>

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

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Newbold Road  
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Email [agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneyccgs@nhs.net](mailto:agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneyccgs@nhs.net)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of  
Great Yarmouth and Waveney,  
North Norfolk, South Norfolk  
Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs**