



## Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

### WN347 – CCG restricting surgery/ treatments

**1. Is the CCG restricting any surgery/treatments for patients based on smoking status or number of cigarettes smoked? Please provide details.**

*The only policy currently that restricts patients from receiving treatment where patients smoke is the Level 3 (IVF) policy. However, local acute provider Consultants do try to encourage patients to try to stop smoking or attend a smoking cessation service prior to surgery.*

**2. Is the CCG restricting any surgery/treatments for patients based on BMI or whether they are overweight? Please provide details.**

*The only policy currently that restricts patients from receiving treatment based on BMI is the Level 3 (IVF) policy. In addition to this the orthopaedic consultants are reluctant to undertake hip replacements on patients who have a BMI>40 due to potential increased morbidity.*

**3. If any, what other restrictions is the CCG placing on surgery or treatments? Please provide details.**

*The CCGs are continually reviewing treatment/procedure policies to ensure that current best practice guidance is incorporated. New policies are being developed on a regular basis and some may have a threshold criteria in order for patients to be eligible for a particular treatment. This will usually be in line with best practice guidance.*

**4. Is the CCG considering placing any restrictions on surgery/treatments? Please provide details.**

*WNCCG has made no plans to place restrictions on surgery / treatments at the time of this FOI request.*

**5. If the answer to any of the above is yes, please explain why the CCG is taking such measures.**

*Please see response to question 3 for details.*