Ref No: DGS 090  
30 August  2017

Dear

Further to your request for information dated 14 August 2017 the information requested is below

1) **What criteria, if any, has been stipulated by your CCG in relation to the provision of bariatric surgery?** (e.g surgery restricted to BMI over 45 and/or other co-morbidities, surgery only for those with BMI over 50)

   No new criteria has been stipulated by the CCG. The CCG continue to use the criteria stipulated by NHSE ie. Surgery restricted to BMI over 45 and/or other co-morbidities.

2) **When was the criteria introduced?**

   2013

3) **How many patients have been refused bariatric surgery since the criteria was introduced?**

   The CCG does not hold this level of data. If you have not already done so you may like to contact the previous Commissioner NHS England at

   NHS England  
   PO Box 16738  
   Redditch  
   B97 9P

   Email requests should be sent to england.contactus@nhs.net

   Please write “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.
4) How many patients have received bariatric surgery since the criteria was introduced and how much has this cost the CCG?

The data below is from April 2017 to date. Please contact the previous commissioner NHS England details above, for data prior to April 2017.

Since April 2017 the CCG no patients have received bariatric surgery.

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