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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 November 2014, relating to commissioning treatment.

I am pleased to confirm that Gloucestershire CCG does hold the following information:

1. The names of the CCGs you represent

Gloucestershire

For each CCG individually, please state

2. How many commissioning policies are in operation for treatment or referral to treatment (either drawn up by the CCG or inherited from previous organisations)

Our Effective Clinical Commissioning Policies List details can be found on our website: http://www.gloucestershireccg.nhs.uk/?page_id=689

3. How many of those policies include additional threshold criteria when compared to NICE criteria for patient eligibility.

Please refer to individual policies.

4. How many of the CCG policies which state additional threshold criteria include prohibitions or restrictions on commissioning of treatments based on:

- a. BMI
- b. Degree of weight loss
- c. Smoking Status

- d. Alcohol consumption
- e. A maximum age
- f. A minimum time period of "watchful waiting" before the start of treatment
- g. Financial cost

If a full breakdown is not available please give as full an answer as possible.

This information is detailed in the Effective Clinical Commissioning Policies list http://www.gloucestershireccg.nhs.uk/?page_id=689.

5. How many policies (for treatment or referral of treatment) have been changed by the CCG since its inception to include additional threshold criteria when compared to NICE eligibility criteria.

The Effective Clinical Commissioning Policies list has been reissued 4 times since April 2013 with either minor or major changes to policies. Changes when compared to NICE eligibility is not known.

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If you remain unhappy with the decision after review you should contact:-

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely



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