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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding patients how have been denied access to hip and knee surgery within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. In the last two years, how many patients in your CCG been denied access to hip and knee surgery on the basis of BMI and/or smoking status criteria?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG is unable to quantify this information. The Criteria Based Clinical Treatment Policy sets out criteria but this will be applied by GPs within primary care and clinicians within providers on an individual patient basis.

Please refer to the CCG CBCT policy for criteria and note specific criteria for hip and knee surgery.

<https://www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk/media/2227/cbct-public-doc-2018-19-final-policy-document-v14-2018-02-20.pdf>

2. In the last two years, 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?

The CCG is unable to quantify this information. The Criteria Based Clinical Treatment Policy sets out criteria but this will be applied by GPs within primary care and clinicians within providers on an individual patient basis.