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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the criteria for referral for total hip replacement within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

I am looking for your CCG's criteria for referral for total hip replacement, however i cannot find this on your website, I therefore submit the following freedom of information request:

Do you have a set of criteria or a policy regarding referral for consideration for primary total hip replacement

If so is there any validated scoring system employed as part of the criteria

Is there any upper limit to a patient's BMI that above which they would not be considered for surgery

Do these patients require physiotherapy prior to consideration for surgery

Is there a minimum time that the patient must have received conservative treatment for prior to consideration for referral for surgery.

Please see below link for NHS South Sefton CCG Commissioning Policy.

<http://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/1175/final-south-sefton-ccg-commissioning-policy-13052015.pdf>