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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 Southport and Formby 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 Southport Formby CCG Commissioning Policy.

<http://www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk/media/1215/final-southport-formby-ccg-commissioning-policy-13052015.pdf>