

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act as follows:

- 1. Please confirm or deny if there are any requirements from your local CCG to ration any treatment or surgery options to people based on their smoking status (ie not limited to smoking cessation treatments); if confirm, please provide details.***

No there is no rationing of treatment based on smoking status

### *Public interest arguments*

There is a clear public interest for disclosure of this information, in that disclosure will:

- Further the understanding of and participation in the public debate of issues of the day, and will allow a more informed debate of issues under consideration by public bodies
  - Promote accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them
  - Allow individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives
  - Bring to light information on any restrictions by CCGs on access to treatments based on a patient's smoking status
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