

**FOI 1516 214**

**Summary Issue: Commissioning Policies**

**This information relates to Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
Please could you provide details of commissioning policies for elective surgical procedures which include referral thresholds or specific requirements for:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients who smoke</li></ul>	We do not have any policies for elective surgical procedures which include referral thresholds or specific requirements for patients who smoke.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients who have a BMI over a specified level</li></ul>	We do have eligibility criteria for patients with a BMI over 40 with some elective care providers who do not have appropriate critical care facilities. The exclusion criteria at these specific providers are intended to ensure that high risk patients are treated by providers with appropriate facilities to deliver safe care. <u>Patients who are not suitable for treatment by these providers are able to choose from other hospitals in the local area which are equipped with suitable facilities (e.g. the acute general hospitals).</u>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.