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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

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.***

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**

There are no references in our contract with our host CCG and associates in respect to rationing of services. The Trust follows the Greater Manchester Effective Use of Resources Policy.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Forster', written in a cursive style.

Rob Forster
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance and IM&T

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF