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**Our Ref: FOI 7633**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding NHS bariatric surgery, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ Response:

1. What is the total number of bariatric procedures carried out (as opposed to assessments for surgery completed) since change in surgical provider for Lancashire, Merseyside and Cheshire patients in April 2017? [We understand that 70 procedures have been carried out across the patch.](#)
2. What is the duration of any existing contract for NHS bariatric surgery in Lancashire, Merseyside and Cheshire? [The contract with UHNM is being extended until March 2019.](#)
3. What are the plans for tendering of the NHS bariatric surgery in the Northwest at the end of any contracts in 2 above? [The CCGs across Merseyside and Cheshire, to best meet the needs of patients and pursuant to the Public Contract Regulation 2015 and Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition Regulations 2013, will be issuing a Prior Information notice as a precursor to more extensive market engagement activities to gauge market interest in delivering service provision following the end of the current contract. This will inform any decision to go to tender.](#)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, [sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net) within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Delea".

**Angela Delea**  
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