

**Reference:** FOI 38633 BUCKS 14Y

**Subject:** Referral Guidelines

*I can confirm that the CCG does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p><b>1. Please could you let me know whether you have changed the referral guidelines for</b></p> <p><b>a) orthopaedic procedures</b></p> <p><b>b) cataract procedures</b></p> <p><b>c) hernia procedures at any point since March 2020.</b></p>	<p>Buckinghamshire CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under <a href="#">Section 21</a> of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>We have provided you with a <a href="#">link</a> to the website which will provide you with this information.</p>
<p><b>2. If yes to question 1, please could you provide more details of the specific changes and if possible, attach the latest guidance</b></p>	<p>Buckinghamshire CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but are exempting it under <a href="#">Section 21</a> of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>We have provided you with a <a href="#">link</a> to the website which will provide you with this information.</p>
<p><b>3. Please could you let me know if you have any plans to change the referral guidelines at any point over the next 12 months.</b></p>	<p>It is unlikely the policies for the above 3 procedures will be changed over next 12 months however, all up-to-date policies are uploaded on our website on regular basis</p>
<p><b>4. If yes to question 3, please provide further details.</b></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

*The information provided in this response is accurate as of 21 April 2021 and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.*