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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by our Freedom of Information team on 08/07/2019. You have requested the following:

In the 'NHS Operational Planning and Contracting Guidance 2019/20' there is a new requirement on NHS Trusts and CCGs as follows:

"Patients will continue to have choice at the point of referral and for 2019/20 new local arrangements must be put in place so that anyone who has been waiting for six months or longer must be specifically contacted by the provider on whose waiting list they appear or by the responsible CCG and given the option of faster treatment at an alternative provider."

Please provide the following information:

- 1. Is this new requirement included in your patient access policy? Please provide a copy of your current patient access policy.**
PHT are still awaiting direction from CCG's confirming any local arrangements that are to be put in place.
- 2. Do you record compliance against this new requirement?**
PHT are still awaiting direction from CCG's confirming any local arrangements that are to be put in place.
- 3. How many patients have been offered faster treatment at an alternative provider in the three months of 2019/20 Quarter 1?**
0
- 4. How many patients have accepted a transfer to an alternative provider in the three months of 2019/20 Quarter 1?**
0
- 5. What action are you taking to deal with the backlog of referrals over 26 weeks?**
The subset of patients is closely managed within our Access and Assurance Meetings.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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