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Dear Mrs Worsley

# Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to confirm that NHS Dorset has now completed the search for the information you requested on 01 June regarding the treatment of varicose veins. Taking your points in order I now provide the following information:

#### Point 1:

I would like to know other requests relating to varicose veins through Individual funding requests are considered by the Individual Patient Treatments (IPT).

#### Response:

We are unable to advise on this point as referrals that meet our policy for varicose vein surgery are referred to a hospital consultant for assessment. There are no other requests relating to varicose veins.

### Point 2:

I would like to know the type of treatments that have been completed on the NHS in the county for people suffering with varicose veins

### Response:

NHS Dorset does not hold this information. To access this information you will need to make your request to the relevant hospitals(s); Dorset County Hospital, Poole Hospital and Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospital.

## Point 3:

How many referrals have been made from GPs relating to varicose veins in Dorchester/west Dorset area?

## Response:

Information held is for NHS Dorset only and is not broken down to Dorchester/West Dorset area. 12 referrals were received by Individual Patient Treatments from GPs within NHS Dorset area.

I trust this is the information you are seeking and that your request has been fully discharged.

If you are unhappy with this response, you are entitled to request an internal review of our decision, handled where possible by a member of staff not directly involved in the initial decision. If you wish to request such a review, please write direct to The Interim Chief Executive, NHS Dorset, Vespasian House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, West Wing, Bridport Road, Dorchester DT1 1TS. We aim to deal with requests for internal review within three weeks of receipt, although where the issues involved are very complicated this period may be extended up to a total of six weeks.

If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number and I shall be pleased to offer any further assistance that you may require.

Yours sincerely

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