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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 2nd July 2015.

You Asked for:

Peninsular a Health

- 1) What is its purpose?
- 2) Is it an intermediary that a GP can refer to before a second referral to a oncologist specialist at Clatterbridge Hospital ? If I had a 'suspicious' mole and wanted to be referred to a cancer specialist at Clatterbridge why would I be sent to Laird Street?
- 3) Is it a private company, albeit owned or part owned by Wirral GPs?

Our Response:

- 1) Peninsula Health LLP provide a range of services at their Birkenhead clinic including doctors consultation and treatment services, diagnostic and screening services and some minor surgical procedures.
- 2) It is not an intermediary service prior to second referral. The CCG commissions minor surgery services in the community. The Peninsula service follows the same pathways as Clatterbridge Hospital should a suspicious finding emerge. Your GP should give patient choice as to where you may be referred. The only caveat is that a policy for procedures of low clinical priority (PLCP) must be adhered to. We do not know the details of your referral but it may be that it was deemed a PLCP and therefore could not be referred to the hospital
- 3) It is a limited liability partnership, originally formed between a number of Wirral practices and Assura Medical.

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