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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Please email me the policy confirming any treatment found to be needed as a result of a private scan will be available through the NHS and there will be no penalty of withholding treatment from having taken action to go private on the advice of the NHS"**

*Response:*

Point 7.1.3, of the SHSCT 'Paying and Private Patients' policy (July 2023) confirms that a patient seen privately in consulting rooms, who then wants to be becomes an NHS patient, must re-join any NHS waiting list at the point they would have been, had they not received private patient care.

The patient's consultant must complete a 'Change of Status from Private to NHS' form along with an assessment of the patient's clinical priority for treatment as an NHS patient.

Whilst the policy confirms the patient's right to change their status from Private to NHS it is clear that any patient doing so will not have an advantage of waiting times in comparison to an existing NHS patient.

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