

## Right to Information Decision – Public Disclosure Log

### Right to Information No.: RTI201516-123

#### Information Requested

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- 3 Please detail how the aftercare support will be resourced and funded.
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#### Decision and Statement of Reasons

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All category two and category three over-boundary patients, or those who would be over-boundary by 30 June 2016 if not able to receive their surgery by then, were identified for potential outsourcing. Selected complex procedures were excluded, such as cardiothoracic, neurosurgery, and vascular and endovascular. Conversely, patients waiting for procedure where local public surgical capacity constraints were identified by the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) were included.

- 2 **Please detail who will provide the aftercare support to patients who have their surgery in one of the private providers on the panel of five.**

The THS will provide the aftercare support to patients treated by the Panel.

- 3 **Please detail how the aftercare support will be resourced and funded.**

The THS will fund the patient aftercare through existing THS funds and from targeted additional Australian Government Tasmanian Health Assistance Package funds.

- 4 **Please detail who is responsible for adverse outcomes for patients provided surgery by any of the five private providers and please detail how this will be funded.**

The Contractor is responsible for reporting adverse events and liable for patients related to their readmission or presentation to an emergency department within 14 days of discharge from care. After this period, the THS will be responsible. The contract stipulates key performance indicators related to adverse events and follow up care. The contract contains standard Tasmanian Government Request for Tender indemnity and insurance clauses.