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To Whom It May Concern

I am very happy to provide a reference for Dr Peter Walton and his team in Dendrite Clinical Systems Ltd for their superb support for the United Kingdom National Bariatric Surgery Registry. Since the idea of an NBSR was born in 2007 Peter has been unfailingly helpful in the initial establishment of the registry, design, algorithms and dataset, and the production of our first national report of patient outcomes in 8,000 patients with one and two year follow ups in 2011. In addition he and his team were extraordinarily helpful following the recent political mandate to produce surgeon-level data for all National Health Service surgeons in 2013, setting up a web portal for displaying Surgeon Specific Outcomes.

Dendrite has highly developed specialist analytic skills, and has always been highly professional in its approach, meeting every deadline we have set them. Peter Walton and his team are also vastly experienced in all political, technical and project management aspects of establishing registries, and always go the extra mile to help. The telephone and website helpdesk are unfailingly helpful.

I have no hesitation in recommending Dendrite to any specialist surgical or medical society that is thinking of establishing its own registry and wishes to have a highly experienced data management company as a partner.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Welbourn

Mr Richard Welbourn Chair, National Bariatric Surgery Registry President, British Metabolic and Obesity Surgery Society