

Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-197

Date: ** ***** 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th June 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Weight Management Service

On 17th June 2024 you sent in another request which was identical to the one sent in on the 4th June, we contacted you via email with the following:

This is an identical request, to reference 164-2425, therefore we are aggregating under section 12 of the FOI Act

Your new reference number is 197-2425 for both please quote this number on any correspondence.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Request #1(164-2425)

Q1 I'm a journalist with **Sky News** and would like to request the following information about access to Tier 3 Weight Management Services, bariatric surgery and Wegovy under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

FOI Questions

Contact details

Please provide the name of your organisation

Please specify which ICB commission your services

Tier 3 Weight Management Service

1. Do you offer a Tier 3 weight management service (WMS)?
1. If yes, how many patients are currently in your Tier 3 WMS?
2. How many patients were on the waiting list for Tier 3 WMS as of 30/04/24?
3. What is the average waiting time for people to be seen by the service as of 30/04/24? (in months)

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: FOI ref 124-2425 May, FOI ref 050-2425 April, FOI ref 619-2324 December, note, this is just a sample, there are many more

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

Q2 Access to bariatric surgery
2. Do you offer bariatric surgery?
1. If yes, how many non-diabetic patients received bariatric surgery between 01/09/23 and 30/04/24?
2. If yes, what is the average waiting time for bariatric surgery as of 30/04/24? (in months)

A2 See below:
1. Yes
2. 72 - We do not report waiting times in months. As at the 30/04/2024 there was 224 patients waiting for a bariatric procedure. The average waiting time of these patients was 25 weeks, with the longest waiting time been at 91 weeks.

Q3 Access to Wegovy
3. Do you offer Wegovy?
1. If yes, please specify any other eligibility criteria you impose in addition to the NICE technology appraisal
2. How many patients received Wegovy between 01/09/2023 - 30/04/2024?
3. How many patients do you have capacity / resources to treat annually with Wegovy?

A3 Not applicable as we do not offer Wegovy.

Request #2 (197-2425)

Q1 I'm a journalist with **Sky News and** would like to request the following information about access to Tier 3 Weight Management Services, bariatric surgery and Wegovy under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

FOI Questions

Contact details

Please provide the name of your organisation
Please specify which ICB commission your services

Tier 3 Weight Management Service

1. Do you offer a Tier 3 weight management service (WMS)?
 1. If yes, how many patients are currently in your Tier 3 WMS?
 2. How many patients were on the waiting list for Tier 3 WMS as of 30/04/24?

3. What is the average waiting time for people to be seen by the service as of 30/04/24? (in months)

A1 Refer to request #1

Q2 Access to bariatric surgery

2. Do you offer bariatric surgery?
 1. If yes, how many non-diabetic patients received bariatric surgery between 01/09/23 and 30/04/24?
 2. If yes, what is the average waiting time for bariatric surgery as of 30/04/24? (in months)

A2 Refer to request #1

Q3 Access to Wegovy

3. Do you offer Wegovy?
 1. If yes, please specify any other eligibility criteria you impose in addition to the NICE technology appraisal
 2. How many patients received Wegovy between 01/09/2023 - 30/04/2024?
 3. How many patients do you have capacity / resources to treat annually with Wegovy?

A3 Refer to request #1

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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.



Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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