



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-598

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Weight Management Services

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.

Q1 I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions with regards to tier 3 and 4 weight management services.

Please answer all relevant questions - if a question is not applicable/ cannot be answered, please state this.

Tier 3

1. Do you have/ commission a tier 3 weight management service? If so, is this is on behalf of an ICB, (which ICB/ Sub ICB)?

A1 We do not have/ commission a tier 3 management service.

Q2 For how many patients is your tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) commissioned for?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 How many patients have been referred to your tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?

A3 Not applicable

Q4 How many patients have been treated by your tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?

A4 Not applicable

Q5 What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?

A5 Not applicable

Q6 Tier 4

6. How many patients have been referred to your 4 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?

A6 For the period Feb-22 to Feb-23 there were 448 “new first booked appointments”.

Q7 What is the current number of patients on a waiting list for your Tier 4 weight management service?

A7 Currently there are 261 patients on the waiting list for bariatric surgery.

Q8 What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 4 weight management service?

A8 There is currently an approx. 6 - 8 month wait from referral to first new bariatric appointment

Q9 What is the average waiting time to receiving bariatric surgery in your service?

A9 Once patient is added to the waiting list it is approx. 12-18 months wait for surgery

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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