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Dear,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding weight loss surgery.

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 we contacted you via email as to continue with your request we require clarification Q1-2 what are you referring to? (you refer in Q 1 & 2 about Bariatric Surgery and then in another questions it refers to weight management services so we're trying to ascertain from you what you mean ?

On the same day you replied with:

*'Yes I would like data for patients referred for general weight management support and then separately those referred for bariatric surgical procedures (e.g. gastric sleeves).'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to request the following information:**

**The number of patients referred for weight loss surgery in the area covered by this NHS Trust**

A1 We are unable to identify referrals into the bariatric service as they come through under specialty 100 therefore to enable us to identify bariatric referrals we have had to look for “new first booked appointments” into specific clinics, below are the clinics used and these clinics were supplied to us.

Bariatric-N  
Bariatric-NNVC  
Bariatric-NCNS  
Bariatric-NNVCCO  
Bariatric-NNCO  
BARIATRIC-NCO3  
Bariatric-NNCH  
BARIATRIC-NCO  
BARIATRIC-NCCNS

BARIATRIC-NCNCO  
 BARIATR-NCNVC  
 BARIATR-NCNVCCO  
 BARIATR-NCNCHVC  
 BARIATRIC-NCHE  
 BARIATRIC-NVCCH  
 BARIA-NPSCHE  
 BARIATR-NPSVCCH  
 BARIATRIC-NCOAH

Cal Years	Grand Total
2018	862
2019	853
2020	442
2021	667
2022	756
2023	796
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4376</b>

**Q2 The sex ratio (% male and % female) of these patients referred for weight loss surgery**

A2 See below:

Cal Years	Female	Male
2018	68.0%	31.9%
2019	74.7%	25.2%
2020	72.2%	27.8%
2021	76.8%	23.1%
2022	78.0%	22.0%
2023	78.3%	21.5%

**Q3 The number of patients referred for weight management services**

A3 UHNM does not offer tier 2 or 3 weight management services, although will be part of a weight management pilot launching early 2024. Referrals or signposting may be made to other services within the community or that are funded by local authorities, but any outgoing referrals or signposting to these are not monitored as they are often self-referrals.

The number of patients UHNM have referred into the weight management services is Currently 255

**Q4 The sex ratio of these patients referred for weight management services**

I'd like this data for the last 5 years, broken down by year please.

A4 Information not held

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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