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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

We are asking for information about the Tier 4 Weight Management Services you provide.

Please could we see:

A full copy of referral criteria for this service, including inclusion and exclusion
criteria

How many referrals this service has received in each year since 2017

How many of the patients referred have been treated with a surgical procedure?

How many of the patients who were a) referred to the service and b) treated with
 a surgical procedure, have a diagnosis of Severe Mental Illness. This information should be available from Hospital Episode Statistics if you do not hold it elsewhere. For the purposes of this study, we define serious mental illness by the ICD 10 codes below:

• • F20-29

• F30-31

• F32.3

• F60-61

• How many of the patients who were a) referred to the service and b) treated with

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 a surgical procedure, have a diagnosis of Learning Disability? This information should be available from Hospital Episode Statistics if you do not hold it elsewhere. For the purposes of this study, we define serious mental illness by the ICD 10 codes F70-79

We do treat patients with mental health issues, but defining 'Severe' without a specific list of what counts as 'severe' and 'non-severe' mental health issues, we cannot tell which patients to include and which to exclude.

The service does accept referrals and triage patients with all mental health issues although they do not record anything on their system to say that they have any mental health issues, so I won't be able to identify any mental health issues to separate from patients with no mental health issues.