

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

- **How long is the queue time (in average) for a patient to get bariatric surgery at your trust?**
  - *Wait time for Tier 3 Weight management Services appointment – approximately 14 months.*
  - ***Patient has to work with the weight management team after first appointment for 6-12 months, before being referred to Tier 4.***
  - *Referral from Tier 3 Weight management Services to Tier 4, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital Bariatric services – approximately 9 months wait for first Bariatric appointment.*
  - *From first Bariatric appointment to first Surgeon appointment – approximately 5 months.*
  - *Depending on the outcome from Surgeon appointment, patient may require other investigations which have individual wait times.*
    1. ***Upper GI Endoscopy***
    2. ***Sleep Study***
    3. ***Clinical Psychology***
  - ***When identified suitable for Surgery and placed on the waiting list - Wait times are approximately 9 months. (Dependant on winter bed pressures)***
- **How does your trust prioritize and manage the queue for bariatric surgery?**
  - All patients are managed on a patient tracking list, clinically categorised by the Surgeon as per the NHS England risk stratification and in line with the access policy.
- **What is the overall capacity in your trust to handle bariatric surgeries in terms of infrastructure and personnel?**
  - One Bariatric theatre list per week.
  - Full Bariatric MDT (Multi-Disciplinary Team) as per NICE guidance, to support the patients journey.