

Our Ref: 610/2023  
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## **Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Under Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information about bariatric surgery in your trust:

- 1. What would an approximate waiting time be for a new patient from GP referral to first consultation for bariatric surgery (in months)?**
  - *GP refers to Tier 3 Weight management Service*
  - *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).*
  - *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.*
  
- 2. Are you currently accepting referrals for bariatric surgery?**
  - *Yes as per the above pathway.*
  
- 3. Do you accept referrals for bariatric surgery from an out of area GP?**
  - *This is dependent on the area of GP referred from and if the area has Tier 3 Weight management service.*
  
- 4. What pathway do bariatric patients follow from GP appointment to surgery?**
  - *Answered in question 1.*
  
- 5. Who should a GP contact to refer into your service for bariatric surgery?**
  - *If the GP is in an area that has a weight management service, the patient will need to be referred there first and follow the pathway above.*
  
- 6. What other NHS or allied services do you accept referrals from for bariatric surgery?**
  - *We accept referrals from Tier 3 weight management services only.*