

Freedom of Information Act Request

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your trust. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

1. c Does your Trust provide a Tier 3 weight management service?

If **yes**:

- a. How many patients did this service support in 2023/24?

I am unable to provide the exact number of patients who were supported by the service, as this information is not readily available in a reportable format. To obtain an accurate figure would require a manual review of individual patient records, which would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under Section 12 of the Act, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request if the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit, which is currently set at £450 (equivalent to 18 hours of staff time at a statutory rate of £25 per hour). In this instance, it has been estimated that retrieving the information would exceed this limit.

However, we can advise that the Doncaster Tier 3 weight management service was commissioned and staffed to receive approximately 450 patient referrals per year.

- b. How many people are currently on the waiting list for this service?

Bassetlaw service has 326 patients on waiting list

Doncaster 1551 patients on waiting list

- c. What is the current average waiting time (in weeks) for this service?

Bassetlaw service – 1 year 1 week (53 weeks)

Doncaster service – 2 years (104 weeks)

4. Does the Tier 3 service receive patients from other specialties within the Trust for weight management support (e.g., orthopaedics, cardiology)

Yes

5. How many clinical FTEs (Consultants, Dietitians, Psychologists, Nurses) are assigned to the Tier 3 service?

Bassetlaw service – 1.3WTE

Doncaster service – 2.9WTE + 0.5WTE admin

6. Does your Trust offer Wegovy treatment as part of the Tier 3 service? **No**

- i. If yes, how many patients were prescribed Wegovy in 2023/24?

- ii. If no, are there plans to introduce Wegovy or Mounjaro as treatment options in 2025/26? **Discussions ongoing with ICB**

7. Does your Tier 3 weight management service give patients the option of accessing the majority or entirety of their remotely (e.g. through Zoom calls or a digital platform)? **Yes**

- i. If not, do you have any plans to provide a remote/virtual/digital service in 2025/26?

8. Who in your organisation is responsible for the management of the Tier 3 weight management service? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible.

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If no:

- a. are there any plans to introduce or mobilise a Tier 3 service in 2025/26? N/A

2. Does your Trust provide a Tier 4 (bariatric surgery) weight management service?

If yes:

- a. How many bariatric procedures were performed in 2023/24? **Approximately 100 procedures.**
- b. How many patients did this service support in 2023/24? **Roughly 400 patients in the pre and post bariatric surgery pathway.**
- c. How many people are currently on the waiting list for this service? **81 patients on the waiting list for surgery.**
- d. What is the current average waiting time (in weeks) for this service? **Approximately 9 months (dependant on winter bed pressures)**

5. Does the Tier 4 service receive patients from other specialties within the Trust (e.g. orthopaedics, cardiology)? **No**

6. Does your Trust offer Wegovy treatment as part of the Tier 4 service? **No**

i. If yes, how many patients were prescribed Wegovy in 2023/24? **N/A**

ii. If no, are there plans to introduce Wegovy or Mounjaro as treatment options in 2025/26? **N/A**

7. Who in your organisation is responsible for the management of the Tier 4 bariatric service? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible.

General Manager, Division of Surgery

If no:

- a. Are there any plans to introduce or mobilise a Tier 4 service in 2025/26? **N/A**

Please provide the information in an email, Excel or Word document (whichever is most convenient)

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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