



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-419

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Bariatric Surgery

As of 1st 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 We are conducting a study regarding bariatric surgery in the NHS England and would be grateful if you could revert with answers for the following questions:

How long is the queue time (in average) for a patient to get bariatric surgery at your Trust?

A1 18 months wait for Royal Stoke and 12 months wait for County

Q2 How does your Trust prioritize and manage the queue for bariatric surgery?

A2 Patients are prioritised when discussed at the MDT meeting by the consultant team for both Stoke and County

Q3 What is the overall capacity in your Trust to handle bariatric surgeries in terms of infrastructure and personnel?

A3 At UHNM, x3 full day weekly theatre list at County, 1:2 County AM list and an all-day Stoke list weekly. x5 Consultants x1 clinical fellow – approximately. 46 consultant/ clinical fellow led clinics seeing new and follow up patients per month (not accounting cancellations for A/L and other commitments. x3 Bariatric CNS's approximately. 28 clinics per month.

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Yours,



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