



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-619

Date: 17th January 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding weight.

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

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding Tier 3 weight management service, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/> FOI ref 153-2324 June 2023

Q2 If yes:

- a. **How many patients did this service support in 2022/23?**
- b. **How many people are currently on the waiting list for this service?**
- c. **What is the current average waiting time (in weeks) for this service?**
- d. **Is your Tier 3 service face-to-face only, or do you provide a digital-only weight management service?**

A2 As Answer 1

Q3 If no, do you have any plans to provide a Tier 3 weight management service in 2024/25?

A3 A 12-month Tier 3 pilot is due to commence early 2024, this is Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICS-wide and will include UHNM.

Q4 Who in your organisation would be responsible for the management of weight management services and/or diabetes? Please provide name, position and contact details where possible.

A4 See below|:

- Alistair Sharpes, Bariatric Consultant & Clinical Lead
- David Jinks – Directorate Manager, General Surgery
- Lindsay Cary - Weight Management Programme Senior Manager
- Anne Griffiths - Chief Dietitian

We decline to provide contact details for the avoidance of unwanted/unsolicited emails.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



Rachel Montinaro
Data Security and Protection Manager - Records