

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
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Ref: FOI-062023-000164

Date: 12th October 2023

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Does the Trust provide a Specialist Tier 3 Weight Management Service? -
Yes

2. What is the title and grade of the clinician(s) who is clinically responsible for patients seen in this service?

Consultant, Consultant Bariatric Physician

3. Please provide any clinical pathways and/or protocols or service specifications for this service.

Patients are referred according to guidelines for referral to specialist weight management tier three services (see NICE Guidelines) and those who fulfil the criteria for medical therapy on the NHS.

4. Please provide any quality metrics and/or reports for this service.

We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format.

The ICO guidance clearly states "FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it".

5. How many patients was/is the Trust commissioned for, in:

a. 2022/23?

No Commissioning due to post-COVID forced block contract.

b. 2023/24?

The Trust does not Commission number of patients, it Commissions patient activities. However, in the activity plan for 23/24, there were 194,224 unique patients.

6. How many referrals did/has the Trust receive(d), in:

- a. 2022/23? - 773
- b. 2023/24? - 639 (April 2023 – September 2023)

7. How many patients are currently waiting for their first appointment in the T3WM service?

1195

8. How does the Trust charge for this service:

- a. NHS Tariff/Payment Scheme.**
- b. Other Per Appointment Pricing Scheme.**
- c. Per Patient/Pathway Pricing.**
- d. Block Arrangement.**

New patients are (a) and Follow Ups are (d)

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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