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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find the relevant questions listed below.

Response

1. Please indicate the total number of Tier 3 weight management patients treated in your Trust over the past 5 years. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within "the appropriate limit" defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

Please note these figures are approximate as all referrals to chemical pathology are mapped to the same clinic code – these include Lipid patients and Metabolic patients and therefore we have estimated the numbers related to the Tier Three weight management services.

Financial year	Tier 3 patients treated (#)
2018/2019	287
2019/2020	268
2020/2021	128
2021/2022	323
2022/2023	378

2. Please indicate the average waiting time from referral to treatment (RTT) for Tier 3 weight management services over the past 5 years, rounded to one decimal place. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within "the appropriate limit" defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

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

When information is not in a reportable format

The ICO guidance clearly states “FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded from 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”.

Financial year	Average waiting time for Tier 3 services (weeks)
2018/2019	
2019/2020	
2020/2021	
2021/2022	
2022/2023	

- Please indicate how many patients are currently, and at the end of each financial year, on your RTT waiting list for Tier 3 weight management services. Where data is not readily available, please provide as much data as possible within “the appropriate limit” defined in Section 12 of the FOI Act:

We only hold information for 2022/2023 and present.

We therefore do not have data for previous years requested. We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format. When information is not in a reportable format. The ICO guidance clearly states “FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded from 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”.

Financial year	Total number of Tier 3 patients (#)
2018/2019	
2019/2020	
2020/2021	
2021/2022	
2022/2023	385
Present	526

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

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