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Dear Requester,

**FOI 2226**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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

Yes

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

Surgeon/physician

1. **Please provide any clinical pathways or protocols or service specifications for this service.**

Accept patients as per ICB criteria, patient has full assessment in their first appointment then proceed down either a ‘Medicated Pathway’, ‘Prehab Pathway’ (for Tier 4), ‘Total Diet Replacement Pathway’ or Holistic Pathway (more generalised pathway). All patients are reviewed at the end of Tier 3 for discharge or progression to Tier 4. Tier 3 remains an MDT-based weight management service.

1. **Please provide any quality metrics or reports for this service.**

Data not held.

1. **How many patients are/will be seen in this service in each Financial Year:**
* **2022/23?** 1400
* **2023/24?** 1500
1. **How does the Trust charge for this service:**

Block Arrangement.

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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