FOI 3030

Date 22/05/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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:**

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| --- | --- |
| **Financial year​** | **Tier 3 patients treated (#)** |
| 2018/2019​ | ​567 |
| 2019/2020​ | 447 |
| 2020/2021​ | 527 |
| 2021/2022​ | 597 |
| 2022/2023​ | 715 |

1. **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:**

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

Bariatrics is captured within General Surgery so we are unable to break down into Bariatrics specifically.

1. **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:**

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| --- | --- |
| **Financial year​** | **Total number of Tier 3 patients (#)​** |
| 2018/2019​ | ​1017 |
| 2019/2020​ | 1241 |
| 2020/2021​ | 1201 |
| 2021/2022​ | 1935 |
| 2022/2023​ | 1792 |
| Present​ | 2353 |

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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