



FOI 3009

Date 25/06/2024

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 current number of staff for Tier 4 weight management services at the Trust, with a breakdown by role as shown below. 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:

Role	Number of staff at the Trust
Obesity physicians	1
Bariatric surgeons	8
Bariatric dietitians	5
Psychologists	2
Anaesthetists	11
Endocrinologists	1 (Obesity Physician – same doctor)
Others	6 admin staff
Total	34

- 2) Please provide the names and contact information for the Trust’s Tier 4 weight management service leadership.

Exempt under Section 40 – Personal Information

- 3) Please indicate the total number of patients that have been precluded from a surgical procedure (excluding bariatric surgeries) due to their level of obesity, and thus poses clinical risks, and the total number of surgical procedures completed by speciality. 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:

Surgical speciality	Patients precluded from non-bariatric surgeries due to obesity conditions (#)	Total number of surgical procedures completed (#)
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Cardiothoracic surgery		Not held – the data is not held in this category – included in 'Other'
General surgery		31,010
Neurosurgery		Not held – the data is not held in this category – included in 'Other'
Oral and maxillofacial surgery		33,136
Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat (ENT) surgery)		11,515
Paediatric surgery		523
Plastic surgery		14,762
Trauma and orthopaedic surgery		26,060
Urology		26,303
Vascular surgery		4,319
Other		332,246

- 4) Please indicate the recorded in-hospital mortality rate and number of patient safety incidents for Tier 4 weight management services 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:

Financial year	In-hospital mortality rate (%)	Total number of patient safety incidents (#)
2018/2019		0
2019/2020		0
2020/2021		1-5
2021/2022		0
2022/2023		1-5

*Mortality rates are published in the Trusts Annual Quality Accounts

*Trust data is not held in a format that enables us to provide the information for patients precluded from surgery

*Please note the figures for Q3 are totals for the period 2018/19 to 2023/2024

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www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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