

Tier 3 & Tier 4 Weight Management Services

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions with regards to tier 3 and 4 weight management services.

Tier 3

1. Do you have/ commission a tier 3 weight management service? If so, is this is on behalf of an ICB, (which ICB/ Sub ICB)?. Joint Eastern and Northern answer: Yes.

2. For how many patients is your tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) commissioned for?.

Joint Eastern and Northern Answer: The Trust does not hold this information. Please contact Devon ICB for commissioning detail. Please see Link below:-

<https://devon.icb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

3. How many patients have been referred to your tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?.

Eastern Service response: 570.

Northern Service response: 250.

4. How many patients have been treated by your tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?.

Eastern Service answer: New patients are classed as 'treated' at their first assessment appointment with a dietician in secondary care. Before June 2022 these were seen in a variety of mixed clinics, however from June 2022 onwards patients were seen in a specific clinic. This clinic had 148 attendances between June and December 2022.

Northern Service Answer: 150 individual patients (both those receiving a new appointment in the past 12 months and those receiving a follow-up appointment having been seen initially prior to 12 months ago).

5. What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?.

Eastern Service response: Approximately 9 months.

Northern Service Answer: 66 Weeks.

Tier 4 –

1. How many patients have been referred to your Tier 4 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?.

Joint Northern and Eastern Service Answer: The Trust does not have a Tier 4 Service – all patients referred to Somerset NHS Foundation Trust or University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.

2. What is the current number of patients on a waiting list for your Tier 4 weight management service?. This question is not applicable.

3. What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 4 weight management service?. This question is not applicable.

4. What is the average waiting time to receiving bariatric surgery in your service?. This question is not applicable.