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Dear Requester,

**FOI 1374**

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:

We are asking for information about the Tier 3 and Tier 4 Weight Management Services you provide.

For the Tier 3 service, please could we see:

- A full copy of referral criteria for this service, including inclusion and exclusion criteria
- How many referrals this service has received in each year since 2017
- How many of the patients referred have been treated with GLP1 agonists, for example liraglutide
- How many of the patients who were a) referred to the service and b) treated with a GLP1 agonist, have a diagnosis of Severe Mental Illness. This information should be available from Hospital Episode Statistics if you do not hold it elsewhere. For the purposes of this study, we define serious mental illness by the ICD 10 codes below:
  - F20-29
  - F30-31
  - F32.3
  - F60-61
- How many of the patients who were a) referred to the service and b) treated with a GLP1 agonist, have a diagnosis of Learning Disability? This information should be available from Hospital Episode Statistics if you do not hold it elsewhere. For the purposes of this study, we define serious mental illness by the ICD 10 codes F70-79

For the Tier 4 service, please could we see:

- A full copy of referral criteria for this service, including inclusion and exclusion criteria
- How many referrals this service has received in each year since 2017
- How many of the patients referred have been treated with a surgical procedure?
- How many of the patients who were a) referred to the service and b) treated with a surgical procedure, have a diagnosis of Severe Mental Illness. This information should be available

from Hospital Episode Statistics if you do not hold it elsewhere. For the purposes of this study, we define serious mental illness by the ICD 10 codes below:

- F20-29
  - F30-31
  - F32.3
  - F60-61
- How many of the patients who were a) referred to the service and b) treated with a surgical procedure, have a diagnosis of Learning Disability? This information should be available from Hospital Episode Statistics if you do not hold it elsewhere. For the purposes of this study, we define serious mental illness by the ICD 10 codes F70-79

Please find attached the comprehensive referral information into both our Tier 3 and Tier 4 services that will answer the questions as below;

The 2<sup>nd</sup> spreadsheet provides all the completed Bariatric Surgical procedures since 2019 to date.

**GLP1 agonists** – We have commenced a Trial within Tier 3 and have registered x30 patients for the use of Saxenda and will monitor outcomes.

Within the times constraints of FOI (Section 12 of the FOI Act) I couldn't identify the information on any patients with Severe Mental Illness or Learning Disability in either Tier 3 or Tier 4 pathways.

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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