

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**
**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request**
**Date Request Received: 22 March 2024**
**FOI Ref No: 24069**
**Requested Information/Response:**

- 1) Does your Trust offer Tier 4 weight management services (e.g. bariatric surgery)? If the answer to this question is yes, please answer the following questions:
- 2) Please indicate your Trust's total expenditure on 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	Total tier 4 expenditure (£)
2018/2019	£451,899
2019/2020	£472,940
2020/2021	£533,312
2021/2022	£612,467
2022/2023	£516,929

- 3) Please indicate the number of beds and average occupancy rate allocated for Tier 4 weight management services 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:

We have no specific bed spaces allocated for tier 4 patients, they either go to Planned Care Unit or the Enhanced Perioperative Care unit post op depending on their needs and bed availability.

Financial year	Total Tier 4 beds (#)	Average tier 4 occupancy rate (%)
2018/2019		
2019/2020		
2020/2021		
2021/2022		
2022/2023		

- 4) Please indicate the average waiting time from referral to treatment (RTT) for Tier 4 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:

Financial year	Average waiting time for tier 4 services (weeks)
2018/2019	32 weeks
2019/2020	22 weeks
2020/2021	40 weeks
2021/2022	Urgent patients 40 weeks Non-Urgent 73 weeks
2022/2023	Urgent 24 weeks Non-Urgent 80 weeks

- 5) Please indicate how many patients are currently, and at the end of each financial year, on your RTT waiting list for Tier 4 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:

Financial year	Total number of tier 4 patients (#)
2018/2019	63
2019/2020	79
2020/2021	59
2021/2022	79
2022/2023	105
Present	122

**Attachment(s):**

None

**Date Response sent:**