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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Bariatric Surgery.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.*

- 1. How long is the queue time (in average) for a patient to get bariatric surgery at the trust in your area?*
- 2. How does the primary care trust and/or NHS trust in your area prioritize and manage the queue for bariatric surgery?*
- 3. What is the overall capacity in your trust(s) to handle bariatric surgeries in terms of infrastructure and personnel?*

Trust response:

1. Our longest waiting patient will be 28 weeks when they receive their surgery, and our shortest waiting patient will be at 5 weeks when they receive their surgery, but due to the complex nature of work up this varies widely.
2. Our NHS trust runs its Bariatric Service as part of the General Surgery Directorate. It has its own Patient Tracking List (PTL) separate from General Surgery and is discussed internally and at PTL/Performance meetings with senior Ops management weekly, managing the waiting list as per trust access policy.
3. Bariatrics is a new service to the trust since November 2022. We have allocated clinics and theatre slots in which to perform appointments and procedures. We will review capacity and demand regularly at the service reviews we have quarterly, and make any moves to adjust to demand as necessary. For the current year our target is 135 operative cases and we are aspiring for the coming financial year to handle 300 cases.