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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 Tier 4 weight management services.

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

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:

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

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:

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:

Trust response:

1.

Role	Number of staff at the Trust
Obesity physicians	0
Bariatric surgeons	3
Bariatric dietitians	1
Psychologists	2
Anaesthetists	3
Endocrinologists	1
Others	2
Total	12

2. Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust receives a number of requests for details relating to the professional lives of our staff from private individuals and organisations, some of whom are involved in recruitment and marketing. On very rare occasions it might be considered in the public interest to disclose some information but in such cases the views of the individual staff concerned is always sought.

The Trust follows guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office on the disclosure of personal data including direct contact details. Information relating to staff that is not currently publicly available on our website will not be released under Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 40(2) (personal information) as it relates to the personal information of employees.

Details of our Clinically Led Organisation can be found on the trust website using the following link: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Our-clinically-led-structure.pdf>

Alternatively, from our website home page, click the About Us Tab, then the Clinically-led Organisation tab where you will find all the information. This role falls under the Surgery Directorate.

3.

Surgical specialty	Patients precluded from non-bariatric surgeries due to obesity conditions (#)	Total number of surgical procedures completed (#)
Cardiothoracic surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	0
General surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	2247
Neurosurgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	0
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	0
Otorhinolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat (ENT) surgery)	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	1635
Paediatric surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	0
Plastic surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	0

Trauma and orthopaedic surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	2753
Urology	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	1661
Vascular surgery	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	55
Other	We do not currently have a way to identify these patients.	8143

4. In-hospital mortality rate – Zero - Dr Foster for the HSMR (mortality rate) for Bariatric Surgery.

Patient safety incidents – None reported under Weight Management.