

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/171

Subject: Tier 3 & 4 Weight Management Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions with regards to both tier 3 and tier 4 weight management services within your PCO. Please answer as many questions as you can - If a question is not relevant, please state N/A.	Yes, in BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire), based at Southmead Hospital, North Bristol NHS Trust. The commissioning policy sets out how the service is commissioned: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/directory/weight-management-service-tier-3-and-tier-4-service/
 Does your PCO offer a tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service)? Is it self-commissioned? If commissioned elsewhere, where (other ICB/ health board/ trust)? 	2. The ICB does not commission the service for a set number of patients – details of which patients are eligible for tier 3 services is detailed within the criteria based access policy, found here: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/directory/weight-management-service-tier-3-and-tier-4-service/
2. For how many patients is your PCO's tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) commissioned for?	3. In 2022 (Jan-Dec), Referral Service processed 112 referrals for weight management of which 47 were processed on to secondary care. This does not differentiate between which tier of weight management. The Referral Service does not have complete data on this as it does not process referrals.
How many patients have been referred from your PCO to a tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent	have complete data on this as it does not process referrals from all BNSSG practices. There were 308 bookings



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specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months? 4. 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?	 (referrals) to Southmead weight management service in 2022, however we are unable to distinguish between tiers 3 and 4. 4. We are unable to provide waiting time information. We would advise that the provider would be able to provide more information. North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT): https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information
Tier 4 5. Does your PCO have access to a tier 4 weight	Yes in BNSSG, based at Southmead Hospital, Bristol.
management service? If so, who Commissions it?6. How many patients have been referred to your PCO's tier 4 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?	6. See above answer to question 3. Any patients referred to tier 4 would have to go through the tier 3 service initially and they would then be put forward for tier 4 treatment if appropriate. Please contact the provider for additional information (see contact details for NBT above).
What is the Current number of patients on a waiting list for Tier 4 weight management services in your PCO	7. See contact details for NBT above
What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 4 weight management service?	8. See contact details for NBT above
OTHER	This appears to be a service commissioned by NHS England and therefore they would be best placed to respond to this question.
	https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/



9. How many patients were referred through the 'local enhanced service for referrals' to weight management services in your PCO?	
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 31 January 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.