

FOI 3517

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:**

**Do you commission a specialist weight management service? Is it located within your catchment area? If not, where are people within your area requiring specialist weight management services typically referred?**

**Response:** In Southern Trust there are currently no commissioned services for specialist weight loss management.

**If you commission a specialist weight management service, is it currently accepting new referrals? And if it is not accepting new referrals, when did this come into effect?**

**Response:** N/A

**Does the specialist weight management service you commission prescribe GLP-1RA weight loss drugs? And if yes, does this include the following (please specify all those it includes):**

**Liraglutide (Saxenda®)  
Semaglutide (Wegovy®)  
Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®)**

**Response:** N/A

**If yes, how many patients have been prescribed a GLP-1RA for weight loss through the service you commission?**

**Response:** N/A

**If the service does not prescribe GLP-1RAs, is there a planned start date for when the services may begin prescribing GLP-1RAs for weight loss?**

**Response:** N/A

**Do you fund bariatric surgery for people living in your catchment area?**

**Response:** There is currently no funding to supply bariatric surgery for people living in Northern Ireland.

**Please list all the current criteria that are used for funding decisions regarding bariatric surgery - for example, but not limited to, BMI cut-offs, type 2 diabetes status, time in weight management service, requirement for preoperative weight loss, comorbidities etc.**

**Response:** N/A

**Is there a commissioned/designated bariatric surgery service located within your catchment area? If not, where are people requiring bariatric surgery within your area typically referred?**

**Response:** N/A

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