

FOI 3606

5th March 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide the following information for your Trust, covering the last five financial years (2020/21 - 2024/25)

1. Waiting Times and Access Indicators (Local Service Strain)

For each year listed above, please provide:

- a. Referral-to-Treatment (RTT) elective waiting-time indicators, if held:**
- **Median RTT waiting time (in weeks)**
 - **Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks (at year-end)**
 - **Number of patients waiting over 52 weeks (at year-end)**

Response:

Please see attached document (Attachment 1) for response.

- b. The median waiting time for outpatient appointments in the following specialities:**
- **Endocrinology / Diabetes**
 - **Cardiology**
 - **Orthopaedics**

Response:

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2. Obesity-Related Hospital Admissions and Demand

For each year listed above, please provide:

- a. The total number of inpatient admissions where obesity was recorded as:**
- **A primary diagnosis (ICD-10 code E66), and/or**
 - **A secondary diagnosis**

Response:

Please see attached document (Attachment 2) for response.

b. The total number of admissions for the following obesity-related conditions (where obesity is a major risk factor), if available:

- Type 2 diabetes (E11)
- Coronary heart disease / myocardial infarction (I20–I25)
- Stroke (I60–I69)

Response:

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c. If held, the total number of admissions specifically linked to bariatric surgery or specialist weight-management intervention.

Response:

It is not possible to determine if a certain procedure was performed for the reason of weight management, this would require a manual review of individual patient files.

As such we cannot provide this as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of individual patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of a large volume of individual patient records just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

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