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Dear Applicant

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received by the North East and the North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) on 22/03/2024.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the 5 councils that make it up – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees).

We have dealt with your request in accordance with your “right to know” under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (subsequently referred to as FOIA2000) which entitles you to be provided with information “held” by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Your Request

This is an information request relating to spending on weight-loss surgery.

Please include the following information, broken down by the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 (to present) financial years:

- 1) How many of the following surgeries have been conducted in each of the financial years?
 - a) Gastric bypass
 - i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
 - b) Biliopancreatic diversion or duodenal bypass
 - i) 2019-20

- ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- c) Gastric band
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- d) Sleeve gastrectomy
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- e) Gastric balloon
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD

2) What has been the total expenditure on the above surgeries in each of the financial years?

- a) Gastric bypass
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- b) Biliopancreatic diversion or duodenal bypass
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- c) Gastric band
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- d) Sleeve gastrectomy
- i) 2019-20

- ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- e) Gastric balloon
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD

3) What was the most spent on the above surgeries on a single patient in each of the financial years?

- a) Gastric bypass
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- b) Biliopancreatic diversion or duodenal bypass
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
 - iv) 2022-23
 - v) 2023-24 YTD
- c) Gastric band
- i) 2019-20
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- e) Gastric balloon
- i) 2019-20
 - ii) 2020-21
 - iii) 2021-22
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 - v) 2023-24 YTD

Our Response

On this occasion it is not possible to provide the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm the ICB does not hold any of the information requested.

Weight loss surgeries are paid as part of a block contract to Acute NHS Trusts within the NENC ICB area and therefore the ICB does not a breakdown of this information. It is likely that these organisations hold this information. You can contact them electronically via the below methods:

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham & Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

In accordance with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Information Governance Officer using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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