



**Staffordshire and  
Stoke-on-Trent**  
Integrated Care Board

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Dear

**FOI-0724-934**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information received on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

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

- 1. Do you commission a Tier 3 specialist weight management service? Is it located within your ICS catchment? If not, where are people within your ICS requiring Tier 3 weight management services typically referred?**

We currently do not commission a specific specialist Weight Management Service (Tier 3) apart from there is a pilot currently underway led by University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust and Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust which is called SWITCH, and patients can self-refer.

However, the majority of patients that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB support are supported by three Acute Trusts and weight management is included in these contracts. The three Acute Trusts are:

**University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust**  
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust  
<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust  
<https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>

**2. If you commission a tier 3 service, is it currently accepting new referrals? And if it is not accepting new referrals, when did this come into effect?**

The SWITCH pilot is funded and the services provided by the three Acute Trusts are also funded. The SWITCH service came into effect April 2024 and to the ICB's knowledge is accepting new referrals.

**3. Do you fund bariatric surgery for people living in your ICS?**

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB does fund bariatric surgery for people.

**4. Please list all the current criteria that are used within your ICS for funding decisions regarding bariatric surgery -For example, but not limited to, BMI cut-offs, type 2 diabetes status, time in Tier 3 weight management service, requirement for preoperative weight loss, comorbidities etc.**

For inclusion and exclusion criteria for Weight Management surgery and Tier 3 Weight Management Services would need to be requested from the Providers stated in the response to question one above.

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

Patient's can self-refer to the Tier 3 Weight Management Service and in line with the Choice Agenda patients can request where they would like to be referred to. The majority of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent patients choose to be referred to University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust and Royal Wolverhampton Acute Trust.

**6. Is there a Wegovy pilot site located within your ICS? [<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-drugs-pilot-to-tackle-obesity-and-cut-nhs-waiting-lists>]**

We can confirm that Wegovy is on the ICS's Joint Formulary: [North Staffordshire Joint Formulary Formulary](#)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

**To request an internal review**

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at [StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely

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