

Date response issued: 05/09/2017
Request reference: FOI.17.NOR106

Freedom of Information Request

1. What criteria, if any, has been stipulated by your CCG in relation to the provision of bariatric surgery? (e.g surgery restricted to BMI over 45 and/or other co-morbidities, surgery only for those with BMI over 50).
2. When was the criteria introduced?
3. How many patients have been refused bariatric surgery since the criteria was introduced?
4. How many patients have received bariatric surgery since the criteria was introduced and how much has this cost the CCG?
5. Additional Comments.

NHS Norwich CCG response

NHS Norwich CCG would like to respond as follows:

1. The policy for Tier 4 bariatric surgery is as follows:

Bariatric Surgery will only be considered as a treatment option for people with morbid obesity providing ALL of the following criteria are fulfilled. If the criteria is met, their GP can refer direct to the Bariatric Surgery providers:

The individual is considered morbidly obese, e.g. for the purpose of the policy:

- BMI of 40kg/m² or more, or between 35 kg/m² and 40kg/m² or greater in the presence of other significant diseases.
- Patient is aged 18 or above
- Morbid/severe obesity has been present for at least five years.
- Patients must have been referred to a local Tier 3 weight management programme:
 - for formalised MDT led processes for the screening of co-morbidities and the detection of other significant diseases. These should include identification, diagnosis, severity/complexity assessment, risk stratification/scoring and appropriate specialist referral for medical management;
 - recently received and complied with a local specialist obesity service weight loss programme (i.e. local tier 3 weight management programmes), and;

- been unable to lose clinically significant weight (i.e. enough to modify co-morbidities) during the period of intervention. Patients who lose sufficient weight to fall beneath the NICE guidance should not be considered appropriate for surgery
2. NHS Norwich CCG took responsibility for the commissioning of tier 4 bariatric surgery as of 1 April 2017.
 3. The information requested is not held by the CCG. It is advised you refer your request to the individual acute providers who may be able to advise.

Contact details of the providers commissioned to deliver tier 4 bariatric services can be found below:

[Luton and Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)
[Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

4. The information requested is not held by the CCG.
5. N/a