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Subject:	Weight Management
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Requested:

I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions with regards to both tier 3 and tier 4 weight management services within your Health Board.

Please answer as many questions as you can - If a question is not relevant, please state N/A.

Tier 3

1. Does your Health Board offer a tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service)? Is it self-commissioned? If commissioned elsewhere, where (which health board/ social care trust)?
2. For how many patients is your Health Board's tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) commissioned for?
3. How many patients have been referred from your Health Board to a tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?
4. What is the average waiting time to access your Tier 3 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?

Tier 4

5. Does your Health Board have access to a tier 4 weight management service? If so, who Commissions it?
6. How many patients have been referred to your Health Board's tier 4 weight management service (or equivalent specialist weight management service) in the past 12 months?
7. What is the current number of patients on a waiting list for Tier 4 weight management services in your Health Board?
8. What is the average waiting time to access the Tier 4 weight management service?

Other

9. How many patients were referred through the 'local enhanced service for referrals' to weight management services in your Health Board?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it does offer a Tier 3 Weight Management Service (WMS). It is partly commissioned by the UHB and partly from Welsh Government's (WG) Healthy Weight Healthy Wales funding.

2. The UHB confirms that a specific number of patients was not included in the commissioning of the WMS. However, the staffing level is such that there is capacity for approximately four hundred and fifty (450) patients per year in the Tier 3 WMS.
3. The UHB confirms that no patients have been referred from the UHB, as it offers a Tier 3 WMS. However, the UHB has received one thousand eight hundred and sixty five (1,865) referrals into its combined Tier 2 and Tier 3 WMS, during the past twelve (12) months, as there is a single point of access.
4. The UHB confirms that through a waiting time recovery intervention, the average waiting time is fourteen (14) weeks, during the past twelve (12) months.
5. - 8. The UHB confirms that it does not have a Tier 4 Weight Management Service. UHB patients would be referred to the Tier 4 Service provided by Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB).

We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Team in SBUHB, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. The contact details are as follows:-

FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: FOIA Team, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Health Board Headquarters, 1 Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR.

9. Not applicable.