

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2526/416

**Subject:** NHS Funding Criteria for Bariatric Surgery

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
For each of the questions below please provide any relevant policies and information, including how long the policy has been in place and/or if a policy is being planned, considered, or is potentially changing in the future:	
1. Do you routinely fund, or provide criteria-based access to funding for, bariatric surgery for obesity?	Access to specialist services for Weight Management is managed under a Criteria Based Access policy.
2. If you do provide criteria-based access, please provide details of the criteria (for example BMI thresholds, comorbidities, requirements for prior lifestyle interventions etc), or tell me where this information can be found.	Policy can be found at: <a href="#">Weight Management Service - Tier 3 and Tier 4 Service - BNSSG Healthier Together</a>
3. If you provide either criteria-based access or routine funding, which bariatric procedures are funded (for example sleeve gastrectomy, gastric bypass, gastric banding, other procedures)?	Policy can be found at: <a href="#">Weight Management Service - Tier 3 and Tier 4 Service - BNSSG Healthier Together</a>
4. If you provide criteria-based funding, is any form of prior approval or Individual Funding Request (IFR) required before listing the patient?	Please refer to the pathway within the policy which can be found at: <a href="#">Weight Management Service - Tier 3 and Tier 4 Service - BNSSG Healthier Together</a>

5. How long has the current bariatric surgery policy been in place, and are there any planned or pending changes to this policy?

The policy was adopted in 2019, and is currently under review. The ICB expects to adopt and publish the revised policy this year.

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 2 March 2026 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***