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1. **What are your Trust's criteria in full for qualifying for NHS funded weight loss surgery?**

Please see attached policy for the commissioning of Bariatric Surgery.

2. **How many patients from your Trust's area had gastric band surgery on the NHS in 2009, 2010 and 2011?**

The PCT receives requests for funding for all types of bariatric interventions. Approval is given on the basis that the patient attends an assessment with a Consultant surgeon who will then decide which of the procedures is appropriate for the patient. The PCT does not hold data on the outcome of the consultation between the consultant and the patient.

However, the PCT can confirm that it received the following number of requests of bariatric surgery:-

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| 2009/10 | - | 76 applications received (33 were approved). |
| 2010/11 | - | 57 applications received (17 were approved). |
| 2011 - end March 2012 | - | 30 applications received (11 were approved). |

3. **How many patients from your Trust's area had gastric bypass surgery on the NHS in 2009, 2010 and 2011?**

Please see response to question 2 above.

4. **How many patients have had funding turned down for bariatric surgery in 2010, 2011 and 2012?**

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| 2009/10 | - | 43 applications were declined. |
| 2010/11 | - | 40 applications were declined. |
| 2011 - end March 2012 | - | 19 applications were declined. |

5. **Does North Lancashire PCT follow the NICE guidelines fully?**

NHS North Lancashire makes decisions on whether to fund bariatric surgery in accordance with its policy number 23 attached.

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