

7 September 2023

Our Ref: RFI 52859

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Weight Management Contracts.**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 16 August 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Allied Health Professionals Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Degans
Information Governance Officer

- Q1. Whether the trust has weight management service contracts with Slimming World/Miles Bramwell or WW/Weight Watchers, either directly or through a third party organisation?**
- A1. The Trust does not have weight management service contracts with Slimming World, Miles Bramwell or Weight Watchers (WW), either directly or through a third party organisation.
- Q2. Which other weight management services does the trust have contracts with?**
- A2. The Trust does not have contracts with other weight management services.
- Q3. The total amount paid over the course of any current contracts with Slimming World – or estimated budget, where amount paid not available.**
- A3. The Trust does not have a contract with Slimming World therefore, this question does not apply.
- Q4. The total amount paid over the course of contracts with Slimming World -or estimated budget, where amount paid not available – for the following financial years: 2018-2019; 2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022; 2022-2023; 2023-present.**
- A4. The Trust did not have a contract with Slimming World in the years listed above, therefore this question does not apply.
- Q5. The total amount paid over the course of any current contracts with Weight Watchers/WW – or estimated budget, where amount paid not available.**
- A5. The Trust does not have a contract with Weight Watchers (WW), therefore this question does not apply.
- Q6. The total amount paid over the course of contracts with Weight Watchers/WW – or estimated budget, where amount paid not available – for the following financial years: 2018-2019; 2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022; 2022-2023; 2023-present.**
- A6. The Trust did not have a contract with Weight Watchers/WW in the years listed above, therefore this question does not apply.
- Q7. The start and end dates of active contracts with Slimming World.**
- Q8. The start and end dates of active contracts with Weight Watchers.**

Q9. How many patients have accessed Slimming World through the Trust's partnership over the last five years, broken down by year?

Q10. How many patients have accessed Weight Watchers through the Trust's partnership over the last five years, broken down by year?

A7-10 As the Trust has not had contracts with Slimming World or Weight Watchers (WW), these questions do not apply.