

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Wiltshire Health & Care LLP Response to Information Request**

Date Request Received: 08/07/2024

FOI Ref: 04\_24-25

**Requested Information**

Service specification, policies and commissioning arrangements for Nutrition and Dietetics Service

**Response**

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Thank you for your request for information as detailed below. together with our reply. Please note I have amended question 3 to reflect what you had confirmed the surgery was seeking as per our conversation.

Ref:	Question:	Response:
1	Please provide a copy of the Service Specification for the Nutrition and Dietetics Service	<p>The ICB is currently in the middle of a full community services procurement which includes the scope of the WH&amp;C contract including the Dietetics Service and as such, I have been advised by ICB Procurement that this data is commercially in confidence.</p> <p>The information requested is exempt under Freedom of Information legislation – Exemption 43 – Commercial Interest</p>
2	Please provide commissioning arrangements for the Nutrition and Dietetics Service	WHC are commissioned to provide Community Dietetics Service as part of the wider Adult Community Services Contract by Wiltshire ICB until 31st March 2025
3	Please provide details of the prescribing process/mechanism in place for the management of patients in the service.	<p>Our service spec does not clarify the prescription process however the Dietetic service will apply their specific knowledge to the medical condition and patient referred.</p> <p>If a prescription is necessary, then the prescription request must be completed by the GP for supply as there is no other community route for providing oral nutritional supplements. Dietitians cannot prescribe independently. The Dietitian's service will continue to monitor and assess the need for the ongoing prescription, but ultimately the responsibility for the prescription will lie with the GP.</p>

If you have any further queries or wish to discuss further, please contact the Information Governance Team who facilitate a telephone conversation with the head of Nutrition and Dietetics.

**Exemption(s)**

43 – Commercial Interest

**Attachment(s)**

NA

**Date Response Sent: 30/07/2024**