Too Lean a Service?

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Pre-surgery and referral

Recommendations	Data collection tool	Response		Action required
All patients must have access to the full range of specialist professionals appropriate for their needs in line with NICE guidelines.	Q8a - Did the referral comply with NICE guidelines? Q9a - In your opinion was the referral of this patient appropriate? Q13a - Who assessed the patient prior to surgery?	Yes Yes	No No	
	Q13b - Do you think this was adequate and timely for the needs of the patient?	Yes	No	
All patients considered for weight loss surgery should receive dietary assessment and education preferably prior to referral, but definitely prior to surgery.	Q14a - Is there documented evidence that the patient received dietetic assessment and education prior to surgery? Q14b - If yes when was this (answers may be multiple)?	Yes	No	
	Q14c - In your opinion was this adequate for the patient?	Yes	No	
The outcome of all MDT discussions must be documented in the medical records. Where an MDT discussion has not taken place this must also be documented with reasons.	Q12a - Was the patient discussed at an MDT meeting prior to surgery?	Yes	No	
	Q12b - If No was a reason for this documented?	Yes	No	
	Q12d - Do you think this was adequate and timely for the needs of the patient?	Yes	No	

There should be a greater emphasis on psychological assessment and support and this should occur at an earlier stage in the care pathway for obese patients. Psychological	Q15a - Is there documented evidence that the patient was offered psychological support prior to surgery? Q15b – If yes when was this (answers may be multiple)?	Yes	No	
screening tools are available and may be of value in identifying those patients requiring formal psychological intervention.	Q15c - In your opinion was the psychological support the patient received adequate?	Yes	No	
All bariatric patients should have an assessment of the predicted difficulty of intubation recorded.	Q21 - Was a predicted level of difficulty of intubation assessed and recorded pre-operatively?	Yes	No	
All bariatric patients should attend a pre-	Q17a - Was the patient seen in a pre-assessment clinic?	Yes	No	
assessment clinic, during which they should have access to a fullrange of health professionals appropriate to their needs,including where	Q18a - Is it documented that the patient saw an anaethetist prior to this admission?	Yes	No	
required pre-admission assessment by an anaesthetist.	Q18b - If no, do you think they should have done?	Yes	No	
	Q19a - How would you rate the pre-assessment for this patient?			

The inpatient episode including surgery

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As for all elective surgery, a deferred two-stage consent process with sufficient time lapse should be utilised, and details of benefits and risks should be clearly described, and supported with written information. The consent process should not be undertaken in one stage on the day of operation for elective bariatric surgery.	Q20a - Was a deferred two-stage consent form utilised? Q20b - In your opinion is the information contained within the consent form appropriate for the procedure the patient was undergoing? Q20c - If No what was missing?	Yes Yes	No No	
All patients nursed outside of critical care should be managed with a 'track and trigger' system. Given the potential for significant metabolic change (and its dietary dimension) after bariatric surgery, good quality care is supported if patients have clear post-operative dietary guidance and a timely and complete discharge summary, with full	Q33c - To what level ward was the patient sent post recovery? Q35a - Was a track and trigger system used for this patient? Q44a - Were the discharge drugs appropriate for this patient? Q45a - Was the diabetic regime/management on discharge appropriate for this patient?	Yes Yes Yes	No No No	
clinical detail and post discharge plan to ensure safe and seamless care. This must be provided to the GP as soon as possible following discharge, preferably within 24 hours.	Q43b - How would rate the quality of the discharge summary for this patient? Q46a - Was the diatetic regime/management on discharge appropriate for this patient?	Yes	No	

Follow-up

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Surgery and follow-up data on all patients undergoing bariatric surgery, in the NHS and independent sector, should be entered into the NBSR.	Q50a - Was this patient entered into the National Bariatric Surgery Registry (NBSR)? Q50b - If Yes has follow up data for this patient been entered into the NBSR?	Yes Yes	No No	
A clear, continuous long-term follow-up plan must be made for every patient undergoing bariatric surgery. This must include appropriate levels of informed surgical, dietitian, GP and nursing input. An assessment for the requirement of physician and psychology/psychiatric input must be made and provided should the patient require it.	Q48a - In your opinion was the follow up in the first 6 months adequate for this patient? Q48b - If No please expand on your answer?	Yes	No	