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Dear Mr Gould,

Bariatric surgery can be considered for people with body mass index (BMI) ≥ 40 kg/m², or BMI ≥ 35 kg/m² with at least one obesity-related complication.

Several procedures are performed in Ireland, with the most commonly performed procedures being sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass. Gastric band is no longer routinely performed due to unacceptable complication rate and reduced long term efficacy. The choice of bariatric surgery should be decided according to the patient's need, in collaboration with an experienced multidisciplinary team.

Further information is available from the following sources of reliable information on obesity management:

Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Obesity in Adults in Ireland, Chapter on Bariatric Surgery: Surgical Options and Outcomes
- <https://asoi.info/guidelines/surgeryoptions/>

St Columcille's Hospital Centre for Obesity Management (SCH COM) website, information on Bariatric Surgery, in the Health Professionals section -
<https://schcom.ie/health-professionals/bariatric-surgery/>

Yours sincerely,

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