

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. How much has your Trust spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last five financial years? Please give a figure for each year: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

The Trust has recorded the information from 2021 to date.

2020/2021 – £94,564.68

2021/2022 – £41,460.69

2022/2023 - £70,856.08

2. How many patients needed special adaptations due to their weight in the past 12 months?

None

3. Please give a breakdown of the amounts spent by the Trust by the type of specialist bariatric equipment.

The Trust is unable to provide a breakdown of the amounts spent as this would require a manual trawl of all its orders Trust wide and would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit).

3.1 If equipment is used on a rental contract basis, please provide a list of contracts, including the values and suppliers.

The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act (Commercial Interests):

4. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?

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5. How many bariatric fridges does the Trust own?

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Applied Exemption:

Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
 - (a) by one person, or
 - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the purposes of this section as to the costs to be estimated and as to the manner in which they are to be estimated

Section 43 (Commercial Interests):

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret
- (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2)

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