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Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID OP 108 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Bariatric patients

Your request is set out below:

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.

This data would be recorded within individual clinical records. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results, this would require a manual exercise to identify and review individual clinical records. This would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1), which 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. How many patients needed special adaptations due to their weight in the past 12 months?

Fewer than 5.

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

We are not able to provide a breakdown of the amounts spent by the trust for the same reasons as detailed in the answer to question 1. However, below is a list of equipment that has been hired:

- 4 beds
- 4 mattresses
- 2 riser recliner chairs
- 1 shower commode chair
- 1 wheelchair
- 2 hoists with slings

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

The trust orders equipment on an ad hoc basis (as required) and we are currently reviewing our open tender process for this financial year.

5. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?

3 profiling bariatric beds.

6. How many bariatric fridges does the Trust own?

As a mental health trust, we do not have our own mortuary.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department