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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 1627 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Specialist seating

Your request is set out below:

1. Please can you provide the last 3 years spend on specialist seating used for patients i.e. recliners and tilt in space chairs not general staff or waiting type seating, excluding VAT, broken down by year i.e. 2020, 2021 and 2022. There is no preference on if this is fiscal or calendar year.

April 2020 – March 2021 – £11k

April 2021 – March 2022 - £0

April 2022 – March 2023 - £8k

2. In each of these years please could you highlight the 3 models you purchased/rented the most of by quantity

Hydrotilt HT450AT007 / F092074

Riser Recliner RC273063

Dartex Brookland Intelligent Air seat

3. Do you purchase outright or rent/hire your specialist seating for the trust? If there is a mixture, please could you quantify the split per year for the last 3 years

We undertake both.

Unfortunately, due to the way in which our systems work we are unable to quantify the split between the two. The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual invoice records which cannot be extracted as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review invoices and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of

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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.

4. Please confirm which manufacturers of specialist seating your organisation purchased/rented from i.e. Ocura, DHG, Seating Matters, Remtec, Vivid Care, Premiere, Felgains Formal, Caremed. If multiple suppliers, please could you outline the top 3 by spend per year for the last 3 years

DHG – 20-21 £11k / 22-23 £5500

REMTEC – 22-23 £2500

5. Are you currently in a specialist seating contract if so who is this with, when does this run to and is there an agreed extension in place

No

6. Within the last 12 months has there been any entry to the trusts risk register with regards to specialist seating and if so has this been resolved or still open

No

7. Please can you provide the details of your hospital's care or multidisciplinary team (MDT's) that collaborate to provide fundamental care for patients

Please visit our website for details of our services and teams at www.kmpt.nhs.uk

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