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Email only

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19th December 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to bariatric equipment and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. I wish to know how much your trust has spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last three financial years?

2019/2020 - £86,013
2020/2021 - £69,879
2021/2022 - £105,064

2. Please give a breakdown of the type of equipment used by the trust and the amounts spent, split between Rental expenditure and Purchased Equipment?

The Trust does not centrally record rented bariatric equipment broken down by type of equipment and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually gather the information from every ward as each department order their own equipment. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

- a. **If equipment used is on a Rental basis, please specify if this was under a contract basis or ad hoc?**

Contract basis

- b. **When is the contract due for renewal?**

March 2023 with an exception to extend to March 2024

- c. **If known, who is the contract with?**

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3. How many Bariatric beds does the Trust own?

All the standard beds in the trust are the Arjo Huntleigh profiling bed which has a safety weight limit of 29st/185kg. Patients exceeding this weight would use a rented bed.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator