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Email only

9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 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. 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.**

2018/19	-	£47,314
2019/20	-	£69,707
2020/21	-	£60,540
2021/22	-	£34,087
2022/23	-	£18,761

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

The Trust does not centrally record this information 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 examine sets of patient's notes. 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.

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

Scales	- £3733
Beds/Mattresses	- £53,475
Treatment Couch	- £1,644
Chairs	- £17,604
Trolley	- £915
Wheelchairs	- £1,230
Commodos	- £2,001

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

Contract Ref - URN-2021/6-PACPH-001  
Supplier – Benmor Medical Supplies Ltd  
Value - £206,175

**4. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?**

One

**5. How many bariatric fridges does the Trust own?**

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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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**