

Request for Information Reference: 01.18.40

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 January 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding bariatric patients. Specifically you asked:

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

Answer: Approximately £495,000.

- 2. Please give a breakdown of the type of specialist bariatric equipment used by the trust and the amounts spent, split between Rental Expenditure and Purchased Equipment?***

Answer: Rental- Approximately £438,000.

Bariatric beds

- Bariatric bed with scales and accessories
- Mattress and pumps
- Extendable bariatric beds and mattress
- Gantry Hoists
- Bariatric Slings
- Chairs
- Wheeled commodes
- Mattress and scales
- Cot sides
- Walking frame
- Toilet Frame
- Scales

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Purchase: Approximately £57,500.

The types of equipment ordered are

Wheeled commode chairs
Evacuation Matts
Shower Stools
Perching stools
Toilet seats
End Boards
Chairs
Walking Frames
Transfer Boards
Bariatric mattress
Wheelchairs and accessories
Bariatric Trolley
Arm support for theatre bed
Scales
Extraction kit
Vessel Harvest

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

Answer: Yes there is a current contract in place for the rental of equipment.

2. If under contract, when is this due for renewal?

Answer: The current contract ends 19/3/2019.

3. If known, who is the contract with?

Answer: The contract is with Benmore Medical Supplies (LTD).

3. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?

Answer: 1 Trust owned bed Darlington Memorial Hospital and 1 at Bishop Auckland Hospital

4. How many bariatric patients have been admitted to your hospital/hospitals during the past 12 & 24 months for all procedures?

Answer:

2016 – 1442

2017 – 1360

Please note: These are patients that are coded with E669 Obesity in the coding – this code is decided by the medics though and isn't determined by the weight of the patient.

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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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer