

Freedom of Information request 21-18

Request

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?
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?
 - a. If equipment used is on a Rental basis, please specify if this was under a contract basis or ad hoc?
 - b. If under contract, when is this due for renewal?
 - c. If known, who is the contract with?
3. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?
4. How many bariatric patients have been admitted to your hospital/hospitals during the past 12 & 24 months for all procedures?

Response

1. Please find below the spend on specialist equipment for bariatric patients for the last 3 years:
 - 2015/16 - £128,067
 - 2016/17 - £44,203
 - 2017/18 to date - £49,616
2. Please find attached a spreadsheet which shows all specialist bariatric equipment and spend in the years requested:



BARIATRIC
EQUIPMENT 2015-20

- a) All Bariatric Equipment is under a rental contract.
 - b) This is for one year until September 2018.
 - c) NHS Borders have a pricing agreement for Bariatric Rental with Benmor.
3. NHS Borders do not own any bariatric beds.
 4. Data on a patient's weight is not recorded on the electronic patient management system. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **21-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.