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Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230502.

You requested the following information. Please also see our response below.

Under The Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you kindly answer the following 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.

The Trust has not spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last five financial years.

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

152 patient incidents where a specialist bariatric vehicle was deployed to scene.

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

The Trust has not spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last five financial years.

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

No bariatric equipment is used on a rental contract basis.

4. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?

None. The Trust is an Ambulance Service.

5. How many bariatric fridges does the Trust own?

None. The Trust is an Ambulance Service.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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