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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/12/32.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Do you have any clinical guidelines for larger/ high BMI patients?

We don't have specific clinical guidelines but we do have provision to manage such patients and staff are educated in supporting and managing patients with larger BMI.

The management of bariatric patients is something that forms part of paramedic and other clinical grades education courses, including moving and handling.

We have specialist bariatric vehicles and stretchers with additional lifting aids. Our HART team have specialist training in extrication of larger patients.

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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