

27 July 2018

**Our Ref:** RFI 24064

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Obesity Equipment Costs**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 27 June 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the HR & Corporate Affairs Directorate, Nursing, Primary Care & Older People Directorate and Finance and Estates Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Catherine Treanor  
Information Governance Assistant**

- ***Please state the gross amount spent by your trust on equipment to handle obese patients in each of the following financial years:***
  - i) 2013/14***
  - ii) 2014/15***
  - iii) 2015/16***
  - iv) 2016/17***
  - v) 2017/18***
  - vi) 2018/19 to 15.06.18***
  
- ***Please list all equipment to handle obese patients purchased by your trust in each of the following financial years, including the number of units of each purchased where available.***
  - i) 2013/14***
  - ii) 2014/15***
  - iii) 2015/16***
  - iv) 2016/17***
  - v) 2017/18***
  - vi) 2018/19 to 15.06.18***

Please see Table 1 below which shows the Gross amount spent by the Trust on equipment to handle obese patients. Information provided by Community and Hospital Services. Totals include hired and purchased items.

**Table 1**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
2013/14	50,266
2014/15	48,266
2015/16	72,130
2016/17	245,263
2017/18	131,000
2018/19 to 15.06.18	35,494
<b>Total</b>	<b>582,419</b>

Please see Table 2 below which shows the list of equipment purchased by Trust in Hospital Services. Information provided by Community Services.

**Table 2**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Equipment</b>
2013/2014	4 Mattresses 1 Bed Extension
2014/2015	1 Bed Extension
2015/2016	5 Mattresses
2016/2017	153 Hoists 13 Mattresses
2017/2018	23 Mattresses 9 Hoists 30 Cushions
2018/2019 up to 15/06/18	10 Mattresses

- ***Please state the number of obese spaces in your mortuary at the end of each of the following financial years:***

- i) 2013/14***
- ii) 2014/15***
- iii) 2015/16***
- iv) 2016/17***
- v) 2017/18***
- vi) 2018/19 to 15.06.18***

Please see below Table 3 which shows the figure broken down by year and Hospital.

**Table 3**

	<b>Ulster Hospital Mortuary</b>	<b>Lagan Valley Hospital Mortuary</b>	<b>Downe Hospital Mortuary</b>
<b>2013/14</b>	0	0	0
<b>2014/15</b>	0	0	0
<b>2015/16</b>	12*	0	0
<b>2016/17</b>	12*	0	0
<b>2017/18</b>	12*	0	0
<b>2018/19</b>	12*	0	0

\*12 Bariatric or 10 Bariatric & 1 Super Bariatric