

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2021.978
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Thank you for your email received 14 October 2021 requesting information regarding bariatric patients.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Do you charge an increased rate per bed days for bariatric patients?

No

If yes, how do you define a bariatric patient?

Not applicable

If yes, what is the increase cost per bed day?

Not applicable

If yes, how many times have you charged the increased rate in the past 12 months?

Not applicable

If yes, what is the total cost charged for this increased rate in the past 12 months?

Not applicable

Do you know how much you spend on bariatric equipment per year?

In the past year £7,000 has been spent on bariatric equipment.

How many patients have you provided bariatric equipment for in the past 12 months?

We have had approximately 7 bariatric patients since January 2021.

Do you have a procedure to identify bariatric patients on admission?

Do you have a procedure to identify bariatric patients for discharge via patient transport services?

The referral process for bariatric patients is the same as for other rehabilitation patients, they are identified as bariatric when we receive the current weight for a patient. The acute hospital beds

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take a much higher weight than our beds in the community so the weight is always looked at to determine if we require equipment.

The community hospital is then informed of the planned admission and equipment is ordered prior to the patient arriving at the community hospital. The time it takes for a patient to arrive at a community hospital is usually within 24 hours depending on arrival of equipment etc.