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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5051

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th February 2022.

Your request was as follows:

I wish to know how much your trust has spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last three financial years?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust can confirm we are unable to break down the spend by individual rental item as many items are invoiced together and not broken down by individual item.

Spend for Medstrom equipment between 01/04/2019 to 31/01/22 - £44,171

Spend for 1st call mobility between 01/04/2019 to 31/01/22 = - £16,313

Please give a breakdown of the type of equipment used by the trust and the amounts spent, split between Rental expenditure and Purchased Equipment?

Medstrom equipment

Bari10A bedframe

turncair1000

Bariatric commode

1st Call Mobility

Baros Acute Expandable bed

28 inch Static Chair

32 inch Static Chair

Mobile Hoist (50 stone)

ReTurn 7600

If equipment used is on a Rental basis, please specify if this was under a contract basis or ad hoc?

Ad-hoc

When is the contract due for renewal?

Managed bed service contract due April 2022.

If known, who is the contract with?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust can confirm the equipment is currently rented from Medstrom and 1st Call Mobility.

If under a contract, please supply the means of contract award, i.e framework or direct award.

Bariatric equipment is ad-hoc, managed bed service is under contract with Medstrom via NHSSC framework.

How many Bariatric beds does the Trust own?

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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5051 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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