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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5875

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 14th August 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. Please can you provide the last 3 years spend on specialist seating used for patients ie recliners and tilt in space chairs not general staff or waiting type seating, excluding VAT, broken down by year ie 2020, 2021 and 2022. There is no preference on if this is fiscal or calendar year.

2020 Therapies purchased 4 Kirton, Encora 550 chairs, £2503.80 each, 25% discount therefore total £7511.40 and 2 Kirton, Encora 450 chairs, £2343.30 each, 25% discount therefore £3514.95.

2. In each of these years please could you highlight the 3 models you purchased/rented the most of by quantity.

Therapies purchased 4 Kirton Encora 550 chair and 2 Kirton Encora 450 chair.

3. Do you purchase outright or rent/hire your specialist seating for the trust. If there is a mixture, please could you quantify the split per year for the last 3 years.

Therapies purchase outright.

4. Please confirm which manufacturers of specialist seating your organisation purchased/rented from ie Ocura, DHG, Seating Matters, Remtec, Vivid Care, Premiere, Felgains Formal, Caremed. If multiple suppliers, please could you outline the top 3 by spend per year for 3 the last 3 years.

Therapies tend to purchase outright as listed above. For Bariatric chairs the Trust use the Medtrom rental service. These are not managed by therapists but referred for on a ward by ward and an individual patient basis

5. Are you currently in a specialist seating contract if so who is this with, when does this run to and is there an agreed extension in place.

No contract held by therapies for rental. Servicing of chairs is supported by Arjo currently.

6. Within the last 12 months has there been any entry to the trusts risk register with regards to specialist seating and if so has this been resolved or still open.

There have been 0 entries on the risk register with regards to specialist seating.

7. Please can you provide the details of your hospitals care or multidisciplinary team (MDT's) that collaborate to provide fundamental care for patients.

Therapy teams involved in all aspects of patient care at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust including acute in-patient care, ITU, complex rehabilitation wards, Out-Patient and Long Term Conditions.

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

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Yours sincerely

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