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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5666

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 30th March 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many patients of [Trust Name] are using or have been prescribed the following medical devices for use in their home?

- a. Nebuliser
- b. Oxygen concentrator
- c. Suction
- d. Ventilator or non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP or CPAP)
- e. Feeding pump
- f. Powered hospital bed
- g. Electric wheelchair
- h. Haemodialysis machine
- i. Body drier
- j. Chair lift.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold this information. However, Section 16 of the FOIA places a duty on us to provide help and assistance where possible and I am able to advise you that: any home medical device information can be obtained from the EBME team at Aintree University Hospitals.

2. What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?

I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is not part of any schemes to rebate energy costs.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5666 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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