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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6307

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 03rd May 2024.

Your request was as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to ask that you answer the following questions that relate to spending on absorbent continence products within your NHS Trust in the last 5 years.

For context, the information requested relates to the NHS Bladder and Bowel or Continence Services, which provide absorbent continence pads to adult community patients. The individual trust data is requested.

1) In your Trust is there a "cap/limit" on the number of absorbent continence pads provided per patient in each 24-hour period, if so, what is the number?

[Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.](#)

2) How much has your Trust actually spent on absorbent continence products during each of the last 5 financial years, and what is the annual budget for absorbent continence products during each of those years? Please give a figure for each year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

[As above.](#)

3) What is the total annual number of patients in receipt of absorbent continence products in your trust? Please give a figure for each year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

If possible, please can I request that you provide this information by populating the attached excel sheet with the relevant data.

[As above.](#)

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6307 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:

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

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Yours sincerely

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