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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 859

Response below.

You asked:

1. 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?
2. Please give a breakdown of the type of equipment used by the trust and the amounts spent, split between Rental expenditure and Purchased Equipment?
 - 2.1. If equipment used is on a Rental basis, please specify if this was under a contract basis or ad hoc?
 - 2.2. When is the contract due for renewal?
 - 2.3. If known, who is the contract with?
3. How many Bariatric beds does the Trust own?

Exemption 12 is applied to this request (Time and Cost)
To provide this information would exceed the allocated 18 hrs

If you are not satisfied with the Trust review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. The ICO can be contacted at: ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

IG/FOI Coordinator

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