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Dear Ben

**Freedom of information request**

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

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?  
2021/22 = £83,784  
2020/21 = £85,428  
2019/20 = £82,800
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? [We pay a total monthly amount for our bariatric requirement which include beds, foam mattresses, air mattress, hoist, armchair and commode.](#)
  - 2.1. If equipment used is on a Rental basis, please specify if this was under a contract basis or ad hoc? [Contract](#)
  - 2.2. When is the contract due for renewal? [31/03/2023](#)
  - 2.3. If known, who is the contract with? [Benmor Medical \(UK\) Ltd](#)
3. How many Bariatric beds does the Trust own? [We don't own any bariatric specific beds](#)

I hope this information is helpful, but if you are unhappy with our response, or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an independent internal review. This would be undertaken by an appropriate senior member of staff at the Trust, who

were not involved in dealing with your original request. We aim to deal with internal reviews within 20 working days following receipt. If you wish to request one, please set out your grounds for asking for the review in writing and send it by post or email:

By post: Please address your letter to “Freedom of Information – Information Access Appeal” and send it to our address as shown on this letter.

By Email: Emails should be clearly marked ‘Information access appeal’ and sent to: [sash.foi@nhs.net](mailto:sash.foi@nhs.net).

Should you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you would have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). However, I should point out that under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, you are obliged to exhaust the Trust’s own internal review process before appealing to the ICO. The ICO’s contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
<http://ico.org.uk>

We would also welcome your feedback on how well we met your expectations in handling your FOIA request. If you have a couple of minutes, please click on this [link](#) to complete our Freedom of Information Customer Satisfaction Survey and let us know about your experience. The survey is anonymous – unless you choose to provide your reference number.

Please contact me, quoting our reference, if you have any queries concerning this letter and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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