

Bariatric Equipment

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Questions:

1. How much has your Trust spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last five financial years? Please give a figure for each year: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

Bariatric spending cannot be reliably extracted from our systems. The Trust's Northern system will not identify bariatric spending, while the results from the Eastern system used the key word 'bariatric'.

| Year | Northern Spend £ | Eastern Spend £ |
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| 2018-19 | Not possible to extract bariatric spending | 4251.53 |
| 2019-20 | | 2388.56 |
| 2020-21 | | 10263.49 |
| 2021-22 | | 33286.40 |
| 2022-23 | | 9470.20 |

2. How many patients needed special adaptations due to their weight in the past 12 months??? This information is not captured by the Trust.

3. Please give a breakdown of the amounts spent by the Trust by the type of specialist bariatric equipment. –

Northern localities – A breakdown cannot be supplied because the system does not identify bariatric equipment by category and sub-category.

Eastern localities (2018/23):

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| Chairs | £ 36,187 |
| Bed related | £2562 |
| Moving and Handling (hoists etc) | £20,912 |

3.1 If equipment is used on a rental contract basis, please provide a list of contracts, including the values and suppliers.

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| Arjo: | £6250 for 2022/23 |
| Medstrom: | £17,007 for 2022/23 |

4. How many bariatric beds does the Trust own? 7 in total – joint response for Eastern and Northern service.

5. How many bariatric fridges does the Trust own? –

Eastern Service: Mortuary site has 12 bariatric fridge spaces and 4 bariatric freezer spaces.

Northern service response: 6 bariatric spaces at Northern.