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I am responding to your request for information received 30 March 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response, which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Nimita Parmar  
Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
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Wilmslow  
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Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:** I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the number of people in your East London NHS Foundation Trust who are in receipt of medical equipment for use in the home and the cost of running these energy devices.

**Question 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.

**Answer:** The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—  
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not provide the medical devices described in this request. We are therefore unable to provide a response.

**Question 2:** What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by East London NHS Foundation Trust for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?

**Answer:** Not Applicable.



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