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I am responding to your request for information received 20 April 2023. I am sincerely sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Under The Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you kindly answer the following questions:

Question 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.

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Spend
2018/2019	£5,008.38
2019/2020	Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i> The information requested for financial years 2019/20 is accessible here in Question 6: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da3968.pdf
2020/2021	Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i> The information requested for financial years 2020/21 is accessible here in Question 6: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da3968.pdf
2021/2022	Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states: <i>(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.</i> The information requested for financial years 2021/22 is accessible here in Question 6: https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da3968.pdf
2022/2023	£1,680

Question 2: How many patients needed special adaptations due to their weight in the past 12 months?

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 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*



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(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record specific information on patients that is searchable by weight and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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(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 does not record the information requested and is therefore unable to provide a response.

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

Answer: No contracts with regards to renting off equipment.

Question 4: How many bariatric beds does the Trust own?

Answer: One.

Question 5: How many bariatric fridges does the Trust own?

Answer: The Trust does not have any bariatric fridges.



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