

Cost of specialist equipment for obese patients

Request

Under The Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with a response to the following questions relating to spending on specialist equipment for obese patients.

- 1) How much money was spent purchasing equipment for obese patients between January 2008 and December 2008.
- 1a) Please provide details of exact spending during January-December 2008 on individual equipment and the exact use of the equipment.
- 2) How much money was spent purchasing equipment for obese patients between January 2009 and December 2009.
- 2a) Please provide details of exact spending during January-December 2009 on individual equipment and the exact use of the equipment.
- 3) How much money was spent purchasing equipment for obese patients between January 2010 and December 2010.
- 3a) Please provide details of exact spending during January-December 2010 on individual equipment and the exact use of the equipment.
- 4) How much money has been spent purchasing equipment in the first two months of 2011.
- 4a) Please provide details of exact spending during January and to present 2011 on individual equipment and the exact use of the equipment.
- 5) During January 2008-December 2008, please provide details of the costs involved renting/hiring equipment for the treatment of obese patients and the exact equipment rented/hired.
- 6) During January 2009-December 2009, please provide details of the costs involved renting/hiring equipment for the treatment of obese patients and the exact equipment rented/hired.
- 7) During January 2010-December 2010, please provide details of the costs involved renting/hiring equipment for the treatment of obese patients and the exact equipment rented/hired.
- 8) From January 2011 to present, please provide details of the costs involved renting/hiring any equipment for the treatment of obese patients and the exact equipment rented/hired.

Our Response

As explained in our original request for clarification, as a mental health trust we do not hold information under the category of obesity and, unfortunately, your clarification did not enable us to locate or retrieve the information you requested.

However, in an effort to be helpful I asked our services for details of any specialist equipment for obese patients they held in their locations and I am pleased to be able to inform you that the only equipment we identified was: 6 Bariatric chairs on our wards within the Mental Health Services for Older Persons. Unfortunately, the financial information as to their cost or when they were purchased is not available.