

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 18 October 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Do you charge an increased rate per bed days for bariatric patients?

As an NHS Acute Hospital provider all patients receive appropriate health care in accordance with their needs

If yes, how do you define a bariatric patient?

NA

2. If yes, what is the increase cost per bed day?

NA - As Acute NHS provider patients are in equal receipt of care needs as appropriate to their individual needs

3. If yes, how many times have you charged the increased rate in the past 12 months?

NA

4. If yes, what is the total cost charged for this increased rate in the past 12 months?

NA

5. Do you know how much you spend on bariatric equipment per year?

Between 01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 we spent £48,243.31

6. How many patients have you provided bariatric equipment for in the past 12 months?

We do not hold this information.

7. Do you have a procedure to identify bariatric patients on admission?

All patients are assessed from both a medical and nursing perspective on admission. This assessment includes recording of height, weight. The assessment allows for appropriate equipment, care plans to be implemented

8. Do you have a procedure to identify bariatric patients for discharge via patient transport services?

If their body weight is in excess of 20 stones, we would consider them plus-size. If their weight exceeds the safe working load of equipment such as beds, chairs and so on, they are plus-size and if their body shape is too wide for our equipment, they are considered plus-size.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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