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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Medical devices and energy costs.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

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.*

2. *What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?*

Trust response:

1.
 - a. Prescribed within the hospital – no records kept – provided by NRS Healthcare. For Kent patients. East Sussex patients have to purchase their own devices

- b. The Trust has 440 oxygen concentrators being used in the community.
 - c. Community nurses, provided by NRS for Kent patients
 - d. Not prescribed/supplied at the Trust.
 - e. I have been unable to source this information. If the information is still required please let me know and I will endeavour to send this to you as soon as possible.
 - f. Prescribed within the hospital – no records kept – provided by NRS Healthcare.
 - g. Private purchase or prescribed in the community – provided by Millbrook
 - h. I have been unable to source this information. If the information is still required please let me know and I will endeavour to send this to you as soon as possible.
 - i. I have been unable to source this information. If the information is still required please let me know and I will endeavour to send this to you as soon as possible.
 - j. Would be private purchase or provided by social services through a grant.
2. We are not aware of any rebate or refund schemes.