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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 open MRI scans.

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

- 1. The number of referrals for Open MRIs for patient size (not claustrophobia) authorised by your Trust in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and until June 1, 2024.*
- 2. Total remuneration for open MRI scans for patient size including staffing and MFF for the same time frame as above.*
- 3. A single total figure for how much the Trust has spent on specialist bariatric equipment for the same time frame as above.*

Trust response:

1. & 2. This information is not held centrally in a reportable format. It may be possible that this information has been entered into the patient record but in order to confirm this each patient record would need to be manually checked by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with of your request and we will not be processing your request further.
3. Please note: the following figures are taken from the Finance cost centre for Bariatric Theatre. We cannot specifically extract it out to specialist equipment but have restricted the search to Medical and Surgical Equipment (MSE) category. Any further more detailed breakdown would require the manual checking of thousands of transactions and invoices and is exempt under Section 12 of the Act.

2016/17 - 0

2017/18 – 0
2018/19 – 0
2019/20 – 0
2021/22 – 0
2022/23 – 34,531.16
2023/24 – 111,140.42
2024/25 – 48,774.62 (April and May)