



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-753

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 30th March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding medical equipment for use in the home

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the number of people in your University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust who are in receipt of medical equipment for use in the home and the cost of running these energy devices.

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.**

A1 Information not held for most of the above as these are supplied and managed by Medequip however we are able to provide some information, See below:

There are currently 1006 patients who have nebulisers issued from UHNM
Currently 782 patients who have oxygen concentrator issued from UHNM
Number of patients on CPAP devices is approximately 10,500 patients
As at the end of March 2023 there were 33 patients active on the home dialysis machines

Q2 What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?

A2 UHNM does not rebate for the energy usage, however there is a scheme overseen by Baywater (O2 supply company), who calculate electricity usage that is rebated to the patient. No rebate or refund schemes available in terms of CPAP.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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