

## **FOI 0225/2022 Response**

### **Request**

Dear Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust,

Under The Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you kindly answer the following questions:

1. I wish to know how much your trust has spent on specialist bariatric equipment for obese/bariatric patients (patients over 160kg) during the last three financial years?
2. Please give a breakdown of the type of equipment used by the trust and the amounts spent, split between Rental expenditure and Purchased Equipment?
  - 2.1. If equipment used is on a Rental basis, please specify if this was under a contract basis or ad hoc?
  - 2.2. When is the contract due for renewal?
  - 2.3. If known, who is the contract with?
3. How many Bariatric beds does the Trust own?

### **Response**

There have been Nil (0) capital investment for adaptations to accommodate bariatric patients within the Trust.

The Bariatric Policy has been amended to only include patients who can mobilise and therefore reduces the need for wheelchairs, wide doorways, lifts and hoists.

Please bear in mind, that the Trust is not distinguishing bariatric admissions from any other mental health need for admission. The policy acknowledges the need for more robust equipment, and equipment will be arranged by each ward on a hire basis.