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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

1. How many patients within the latest annual reporting period were receiving home dialysis treatment (this may be referred to as home haemodialysis or peritoneal)?
- 2a. How many patients within the latest annual reporting period applied for the reimbursement of utility costs for home dialysis treatment?
- 2b. Of these, how many patients were successful?
3. What is the total amount spent by the Trust on the reimbursement of utility costs for home dialysis treatment within the latest annual reporting period?
4. Please provide any internal guidelines which supports the Trust in making decisions around the reimbursement of utility costs for home dialysis treatment.

Response

1. How many patients within the latest annual reporting period were receiving home dialysis treatment (this may be referred to as home haemodialysis or peritoneal)?

As of 09/09/23 we have 13 patients on home haemodialysis and 37 patients on PD.

- 2a. How many patients within the latest annual reporting period applied for the reimbursement of utility costs for home dialysis treatment?

All 13 patients on HHD were automatically registered for reimbursement and received this. A process is currently being established to reimburse PD patients.

- 2b. Of these, how many patients were successful?

As above

3. What is the total amount spent by the Trust on the reimbursement of utility costs for home dialysis treatment within the latest annual reporting period?

The Trust has paid from April 24-Aug 24 £1051 on electricity. In 23/24 the Trust paid £5466 on electricity.

4. Please provide any internal guidelines which supports the Trust in making decisions around the reimbursement of utility costs for home dialysis treatment.

The Trust does not have any have any formal guidelines, as a Trust we have always reimbursed patients on home haemodialysis for their electricity.

The Trust uses this link: [Reimbursement of additional utility costs for patients receiving home dialysis | The UK Kidney Association](#)

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Yours sincerely

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