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With reference to your FOI request that was received on 21/01/2014 in connection with Bariatric Patients'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

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I would like the figures to show the results of these questions for every calendar year for the last three years (2011-2013).

1) How many obese patients have been admitted to your hospital/hospitals this year -
This information is not held centrally but in individual patient records.

2) How many injuries have resulted from accidents/incidents involving obese patients -
The Trust does not hold this information centrally as neither weights or BMI's are recorded on incident forms

3) How many injuries from accidents have happened indirectly relating to a patient being obese
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4) How many injuries from accidents have happened directly relating to a patient being obese
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5) How much money has been spent on provision and/or training for staff to deal with obese patients
Provision
In 2011/12:
The Trust purchased 20 Enterprise 5000 beds at a cost of £29,625.80 plus VAT
The Trust purchased 2 Enterprise 5000 at a cost of £3174.94 plus VAT
2013
£20,000 to meet Mortuary requirements
£50,000 on bariatric beds to meet ward requirements
Training:
£1000 on a training suit. The purpose of the suit is twofold. Firstly it enables staff to practice moving a bariatric patient safely. Secondly it allows staff who wear the suit to empathise with the patient and experience how it feels to be less mobile.
The Trust Manual Handling Specialist's provides a dedicated half day training session one day per month for dealing with bariatric patients and further training is supplied dependant on ward/unit/patient needs. The Manual Handling Specialist's role is funded from the manual handling training line.
We do not hold the cost to the Trust of staff leaving the wards to attend these courses. Staff attending the courses will be of different grades and on different pay scales
The Trust does not hold the breakdown of the cost of training the one day bariatric study day as this only forms part of the role undertaken by the Manual Handling Specialist.

6) How much money has been spent directly relating to patients being obese
Please see response to question 5

7) How much money has been spent indirectly relating to patients being obese
Please see responses to question 5

8) Do you have any special schemes to help the treatment of obese patients, such as Peterborough Hospital's bariatric suit? (See link for reference: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-englandcambridgeshire-25552320)
See response to question 5

The above questions are aimed at helping us collect information about injuries to obese patients as they try to get out of bed or accidents that have happened as a direct result of an obese patient's size