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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 43708 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Absorbent Continence Pads

Your request is set out below:

- 1) In your Trust is there a “cap/limit” on the number of absorbent continence pads provided per patient in each 24-hour period, if so, what is the number?

There is no cap on the number of absorbent continence pads provided by the Trust per patient in a 24-hour period.

- 2) How much has your Trust actually spent on absorbent continence products during each of the last 5 financial years, and what is the annual budget for absorbent continence products during each of those years? Please give a figure for each year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

	Spend £	Spend £
18/19	23,026	25,869
19/20	12,089	22,387
20/21	9,828	13,037
21/22	7,314	10,808
22/23	17,896	6,307
23/24	4,214	21,988

This data relates to spend as per the Trust’s audited accounts where cots are categorised as continence products.

- 3) What is the total annual number of patients in receipt of absorbent continence products in your trust? Please give a figure for each year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records which cannot be extracted as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department