

Request title: Bariatric Patients (referred elsewhere)

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Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information act for the following information:

- 1) During the last three years the number of times a procedure had to be referred outside of the Trust due to a patients weight – ie they were too heavy/large for an MRI scan.
- 2) In each instance please state the reason for the referral and where they were referred to.

Reply

The Trusts current administrative systems (data warehousing) do not allow for the extraction of information as per your request, however it is possible that cases may occur where a procedure has had to be referred outside the organisation due to a patients weight. It is highly likely that this would be recorded within the patients paper notes and not via any of the trusts electronic patient systems.

Therefore, we are unable to say how many procedures were referred outside of the organisation due to a patient's weight or where they were referred to.

The Trust can advise that much of the standard equipment that it purchases has a high safe working load (SWL). For example all standard replacement hoists have a SWL of 228kg (36 stone) and the standard Trust beds and mattresses have a SWL of 250kg (39 stone); therefore the weight of most patients are within the range of the SWL of standard Trust equipment.

The Oral Surgery and Orthodontic departments at this Trust have 6 dental chairs that are capable of taking weight of 28 stone.