



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-610

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding home Dialysis

Looking at your email trial this request wasn't sent to the FOI email, therefore we hadn't received before 23<sup>rd</sup> January, I can assure you that we now have it and are working towards answering

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Health and Social Care Trust.**

**With regards to the financial reimbursement for energy costs paid to all kidney patients undergoing home dialysis therapies we request:**

- a) Details of how payments are calculated including the financial rate per KWh paid,**
- b) The average payment made to patients,**
- c) The total amount your Trust has paid to patients in the last financial year,**
- d) The total number of kidney patients currently receiving these payments.**

A1 See below:

- a) The payment to the patients is calculated using the Governments Quarterly Energy Tariff (2.2.3) Using the calculator described below reimbursements will be made quarterly to all home dialysis patients.
- b) £348.07
- c) £13923.0315
- d) Currently we reimburse 38 Home Haemodialysis Patients (HHD), however from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 we will be reimbursing 113 Home Peritoneal Dialysis patients too (151 in total) due to the rising utility costs across the Country.  
This is a National initiative endorsed by the UK Kidney Association (**UKKA**) and **UHNM are adopting the recommended 'calculator'** that has been developed by the Welsh Kidney Network and is being used Nationally. This will ensure that patients on different forms of home

dialysis are reimbursed fairly and due to energy prices changing the calculations will be updated regularly. Reimbursements are calculated to meet the average additional cost for water and electricity to enable patients to dialyse at home without incurring excessive costs.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,





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of North Midlands  
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