

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_140_23

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the number of people in your Cwm Taf Health Board who are in receipt of medical equipment for use in the home and the cost of running these energy devices.

1. How many patients of Cwm Taf Health Board are using or have been prescribed the following medical devices for use in their home?
 - a. Nebuliser
 - b. Oxygen concentrator
 - c. Suction
 - d. Ventilator or non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP or CPAP)
 - e. Feeding pump
 - f. Powered hospital bed
 - g. Electric wheelchair
 - h. Haemodialysis machine
 - i. Body drier
 - j. Chair lift.
2. What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by Cwm Taf Health Board for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?

Our response:

The Health Board does not hold all of the requested information and what data it does hold is not recorded centrally.

However, to aid and assist you with your request we can confirm the following:

In respect to the medical device: Ventilator or non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP or CPAP), the Cardiopulmonary Unit, Prince Charles Hospital, cares for 1005 patients on AutoSet / Fixed CPAP and 4 patients on ASV CPAP, whom are based in community.

The CPAP/home NIV service at Royal Glamorgan Hospital is a nurse led service, it currently has 17 Home NIV (Bipap) patients. There are 1,063 CPAP patients using a mix of fixed pressure and Auto pressure CPAP devices. These figures are constantly changing due to new patients being commenced on treatment weekly.

The Princess of Wales Hospital have 1314 patients using domiciliary NIV/CPAP.

There is no rebate or refund scheme available within the Health Board for the energy costs for those patients using devices.

Please find below the available information from our Community Children's Nursing Team:

33 children have a nebuliser at home.

11 have an oxygen concentrator .

30 children have a portable suction unit at home.

105 children have a feeding pump at home.

31 children have a powered hospital bed at home supplied by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, there will be a number of children whose beds have been supplied by local authority .

Ventilator or non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP or CPAP), all children requiring these devices are prescribed and supplied by Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. They can be contacted via the following email address:

CAV_FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Children who require an oxygen concentrator receive help with electricity costs, this is managed by the company that supplies the concentrator.

All Patients:

Haemodialysis machines - are prescribed and supplied by Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. Email address: CAV_FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Body driers and chair lifts would be supplied by the relevant Local Authority. You may therefore wish to redirect this element of your request to the County Borough Councils, who may be able to assist you with this request. The relevant email addresses are provided below:

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk

Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council - FOI@merthyr.gov.uk

Bridgend County Borough Council - foi@bridgend.gov.uk

Wheelchair provision is provided by ALAS and is commissioned by the [Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee](#) (WHSSC) on an All Wales NHS basis.

The detailed information requested would be held by the service. Therefore, you may wish to redirect this element of your request to

ALAS/Cardiff and Vale UHB – CAV_FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Or for further information, please contact:

WHSSC - WHSSC.GeneralEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk