

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/164
Home Devices

Information Requested:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the number of people in your Cardiff and Vale 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 Cardiff and Vale Health Board are using or have been prescribed the following medical devices for use in their home?

a. Nebuliser

1461

b. Oxygen concentrator

275 patients

c. Suction

165

d. Ventilator or non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP or CPAP)

2800 CPAP patients under active follow up

310 NIV BiLevel patients

e. Feeding pump

As of march 2023 Cardiff and Vale UHB have 461 patients at home on home enteral feeding. The majority of these patients are fed using an enteral feed pump

f. Powered hospital bed

583

g. Electric wheelchair

No rebate scheme at this time.

h. Haemodialysis machine

We have 34 patients currently on haemodialysis at home. This number does fluctuate month on month with new starters and those not continuing the treatment.

i. Body drier

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information.

j. Chair lift.

The UHB does not hold this information.

What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by Cardiff and Vale Health Board for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?

There are arrangements for utilities reimbursement to patients at rates agreed by the Welsh Kidney Network for the Haemodialysis patients.