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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Could you please supply me with the following information on patients being referred to an alternative provider because they exceed the weight limit for services within your hospital(s).

We have only had one patient who was for a CT scan last year and had a large habitus. It wasn't the weight of the patient the issue tends to be the size of the bore on the scanner itself. If the patient circumference is greater than that then they won't fit in.

1. The number of patients sent to an alternative provider because they exceeded the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans and weighing scales within your hospital(s) in 2023.
2. The number of patients sent to an alternative provider because they exceeded the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans and weighing scales within your hospital(s) in 2022.
3. The names of the alternative providers used by your hospital(s) for CT scans, MRI scans and weighing scales for patients who exceed the weight limit for equipment within your hospital(s).
4. How many patients have been sent to each alternative provider in the last two years because they exceed the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans and weighing scales.
5. Why doesn't the hospital have facilities to weigh these patients?
6. How much does referral of patients who exceed the weight limit for equipment at your hospital(s) to alternative providers cost your hospital(s) per annum for the previous two financial years?
7. How many requests for CT scans, MRI scans and weighing of patients have been declined by your hospital(s) in the last two years because patients have exceeded the weight limits for equipment.