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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOME DIALYSIS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to home dialysis.

Question:

Home Dialysis Energy Reimbursement:

1. Does your health board currently financially reimburse kidney patients for the additional energy costs of having home dialysis?

I currently have the following information for your health board and would be grateful if you could confirm if this is correct or not:

Answer:

Financial reimbursement for the energy costs for home haemodialysis?	Yes
Financial reimbursement for the energy costs for home APD?	Yes

Question:

2. Rate of home dialysis energy reimbursement: What is your health board's current rate of financial reimbursement for:
 - i. Home haemodialysis
 - ii. Home APD

Answer:

1. Home haemodialysis - £516 per annum
2. Home APD - £93.72 per annum

Question:

3. How is your health board's current rate of home dialysis energy reimbursement calculated for:
 - i. Home haemodialysis
 - ii. Home APD

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Answer:

1. Home haemodialysis - Power used by machine x hours used x price per kWh
2. Home APD - Power used by machine x hours used x price per kWh

Question:

4. Does your health board's current rate for home dialysis energy reimbursement consider the cost of heating the room/ cabin where home dialysis takes place?

Answer:

No

Question:

5. How often does your health board review your home dialysis energy reimbursement rate for:
 - i. Home haemodialysis
 - ii. Home APD

Answer:

1. Home haemodialysis - No set schedule
2. Home APD - No set schedule

Question:

6. Is this reimbursement means-tested, or open to all kidney patients on home haemodialysis and home APD?
If it is means - tested please state what criteria a patient needs to meet to receive this?

Answer:

Open to all patients

Question:

7. How are kidney patients on home dialysis in your health board made aware that they can be reimbursed for the additional energy costs of undertaking dialysis at home?

Answer:

They are informed of the availability of reimbursement when starting a home dialysis therapy. They are asked to give bank details and monthly bank transfer payment is then set up.

Question:

8. Process of home dialysis energy reimbursement – how and what process do kidney patients on home dialysis have to go through to be reimbursed for these additional energy costs?

Answer:

As above.

Question:

9. With regard to the financial reimbursement for energy costs paid to all kidney patients undergoing home dialysis therapies we request:

A.

i.the total amount your Board has paid to kidney patients for this between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024 (total and breakdown by type of home dialysis),

and

ii. the total number of kidney patients who received these payments within this time period? (total and breakdown by type of home dialysis)

B.

i.the total amount your Board has paid to kidney patients in the **last financial year** for this (total and breakdown by type of home dialysis)

and

iii. the total number of kidney patients who received these payments within this time period? (total and breakdown by type of home dialysis)

Answer:

2024/25 Type of Home Dialysis	Total Amount Paid	Total Number of Patients
APD	£1,640	15
Home HD	£5,375	11
Total	£7,015	26

2023/24 Type of Home Dialysis	Total Amount Paid	Total Number of Patients
APD	1,460	20
Home HD	4,256	10
Total	5,717	30

Question:

10. How many people in your health board are on:

- I. Home haemodialysis
- II. Home APD
- III. Home CAPD

Answer:

1. Home haemodialysis	11
2. Home APD	23
3. Home CAPD	6

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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