

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOME HAEMODIALYSIS

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

Question:

1. Does your health board offer reimbursement for the energy costs of patients receiving i) home haemodialysis and ii) home automated peritoneal dialysis (APD)?

Answer:

Yes, energy costs are reimbursed for patients receiving both home haemodialysis and automated peritoneal dialysis.

Question:

2. What is the current rate of reimbursement for patients receiving i) home haemodialysis and ii) home automated peritoneal (APD) dialysis?

Answer:

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

Question:

3. Does your health board reimburse patients for the cost of heating the room in which home dialysis is received?

Answer:

Yes for Haemodialysis, APD is often performed when the patient is in bed in the evening, so heating is not often required.

Question:

4. Does your health board have a set policy of home dialysis reimbursement for patients which is available to them or placed in the public domain?

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Answer:

No published policy, however the haemodialysis payment calculator is based on that originally provided by National Services Scotland.

**I hope the information provided helps with your request. I am sorry I cannot help 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](http://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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