

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-175	4 th May 2023
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I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the number of people in your Aneurin Bevan 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 Aneurin Bevan Health Board are using or have been prescribed the following medical devices for use in their home?

a. Nebuliser

The Health Board is unable to provide this information as it is not recorded centrally.

b. Oxygen concentrator

734 patients received oxygen with 606 patients on O² concentrators

c. Suction

88 suction machines

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

There are approximately:

222 (BiPAP)

5197 (CPAP only)

e. Feeding pump

396 feeding pumps

f. Powered hospital bed

The Health Board use minuet bed frames as these are specifically for a community setting as powered hospital beds are not licenced for use in patient's homes. There are approximately 1044 beds currently in the community.

g. Electric wheelchair

The Health Board does not hold this information. The Artificial Limb & Appliance Centre is responsible for all wheelchair provision, therefore you will need to direct your request to [Cardiff & Vale University Health Board](#).

h. Haemodialysis machine

The Health Board does not hold this information. This service is provided by [Cardiff & Vale University Health Board](#). Therefore, you will need to direct your request to them direct.

i. Body drier

The Health Board does not hold this information. These would come under the remit of the relevant Local Authorities within the Gwent area.

j. Chair lift

The Health Board does not hold this information as staff only make recommendations regarding stairlifts. These adaptations would be provided by the relevant Local Authorities within the Gwent area.

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

Oxygen electrical costs are reimbursed to patients under the All-Wales Oxygen Contract.