

Our ref: FOI 1900

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I would be grateful if you could provide information to us on all the geographical areas that you cover, for the following two periods:

- 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
- 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

1. The value* of community disability equipment** provided by your organisation (we require information from each organisation separately, if you wish to provide joint spending figures – please let us know) to disabled and terminally ill children (as defined by the 2010 Equality Act please see *** below) in your area.

2. The numbers of individual pieces of equipment supplied to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.

* Value to include both recycled equipment (if relevant) provided to specific children through services such as Community Equipment Stores and equipment purchased new for specific children.

**The term community equipment includes such items as wheelchairs, buggies, specialist beds, standing frames, hoists, car seats and specialist seating. We do not include structural adaptations, consumables such as nasal gastric tubing and incontinence supplies, IT equipment or surgical aids.

*** As defined by the 2010 Equality Act. Children up to their 18th birthday who have 'a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on their ability to do normal/daily activities'.

Response:-

In responding to this FOI, the Trust has reviewed the nature of the equipment described in the FOI request and then reviewed the issues from our Trust managed Community Equipment Service (CES) and Wheelchair Resource Team (WRT) during the time periods requested. The items reported on below are the items issued (both new and recycled) to children by the Trust CES and WRT in keeping with those listed in the initial FOI request.

Response to part 1:

The value of community disability equipment provided in the specified time period is as follows;

- 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 £483,423
- 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 £570,945

Response to part 2:

The numbers of individual pieces of equipment supplied to disabled and terminally ill children in the time period specified is as follows;

- 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 358 items
- 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 443 items

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