

FOI 2751

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question 1:

What is the process for the Southern Trust purchasing/acquiring wheeled walking frames?

Response:

For the purposes of this response, the term “wheeled walking frames” is interpreted as “wheeled zimmer frames” rather than the full range of wheeled walking aids.

Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) wheeled walking frames are procured from a regional contract framework for mobility aids contracted supplier.

Question 2:

How often are wheeled walking frames purchased/acquired by SHSCT?

Response:

Business Services Organisation (BSO) Procurement and Logistics Service are contracted by the SHSCT to provide these aids therefore we cannot provide the frequency of purchase. SHSCT suggests that the requester could contact Business Services Organisation (BSO) to provide this detail. You may wish to contact BSO via email on foi.bso@hscni.net

Question 3:

Do the individual Trusts purchase walking frames separately or together?

Response:

Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service are contracted by the SHSCT to provide these aids therefore we are unable to comment. SHSCT suggests contacting the BSO to provide this detail. You may wish to contact BSO via email on foi.bso@hscni.net

Question 4:

Who/what department within the SHSCT area has responsibility for purchasing/acquiring wheeled walking frames?

Response:

The Community Equipment Stores within the SHSCT contract the Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service to provide a range of small aids, including wheeled walking frames across the SHSCT area.

Question 5:

Do the SHSCT use single or double crossbar wheeled walking frames?

Response:

This is not a phrase the SHSCT are familiar with therefore are unable to advise.

Question 6:

Approx. how many wheeled walking frames have been issued by the SHSCT to individuals annually from 2020 to 2024?

Response:

As wheeled walking frames are provided via the Business Services Organisation Procurement and Logistics Service we are unable to advise. Therefore, the SHSCT suggests contacting BSO to provide this detail. You may wish to contact BSO via email on foi.bso@hscni.net

Question 7:

Who in SHSCT are responsible for issuing walking frames?

Response:

Within the SHSCT, walking frames are assessed for and issued by Physiotherapists; with the exception of some areas such as Emergency Departments, where Nursing staff may issue walking frames when there are no Physiotherapy staff on duty.

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