

Response to Request for Information

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Recycled Community Disability Equipment

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, would you please provide information to us, for the period of 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015, applying only to disabled and terminally ill children, the following?

The Value (new purchase price) of the recycled community disability equipment* your organisation supplied to disabled children in your area.

The number of recycled items supplied to disabled children in your area.

Please do not include any costs associated with cleaning, refurbishment delivery or commissioning of the equipment.

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

The Value (new purchase price) of the recycled community disability equipment* your organisation supplied to disabled children in your area.

The new purchase price of standard equipment that was supplied to children in 2014/15 is £7894.32

Standard equipment includes bathaids and toilet chairs. Further non standard recycled equipment (mainly beds and chairs) would have been used but it is not possible to calculate the cost of this. There would also have been standard equipment from the main stock list that could have been issued to children (manual handling equipment for example) but it is not possible to determine when this equipment is issued to a child rather than an adult.

As a local authority we supply community equipment for bathing, beds, toileting, manual handling and seating. Further community equipment including standing frames, further seating and wheelchairs are provided by The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust.

The number of recycled items supplied to disabled children in your area.

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In 2014/15 we recycled 89% of our equipment, we do not differentiate our recycling figures between the equipment used for children and adults. (18194 items in total excluding telecare).