

Response to Request for Information

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Community Equipment Service

Request:

I am submitting this request for information under the Freedom of Act (2000). I would like to know:

1. Which NHS clinical commissioning groups do you work with to commission a community equipment service? [Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group](#).
2. What mechanism is in place to apportion the cost of equipment between the local authority and the NHS? Is it:
 - a) An agreed risk share (e.g. local authority pays for 50% of equipment costs, NHS pays for 50% of equipment costs)
 - b) Based on who prescribes the equipment (e.g. NHS is charged for equipment prescribed by NHS staff, local authority is charged for equipment prescribed by local authority staff)
 - c) Based on whether the equipment is prescribed to meet 'health' or 'social care' needs?
 - d) Other - please describe - [The Local Authority is contracted to provide certain items for a fixed cost](#).
3. In the financial year 2016/17, what proportion of the total community equipment service cost was funded by the NHS, and what proportion was funded by the local authority? [We are not able to provide a proportionate split of budget for the community equipment service as this is a component part of the Independent Living Service. The proportion of the Independent Living Service cost that was funded by the NHS in 2016-17 was 22% and the remaining 78% was funded by the City of Wolverhampton Council.](#)
4. In the financial year 2016/17, what proportion of the total spend on community equipment was prescribed by NHS staff, and what proportion was funded by local authority staff? [We interpret this question as requesting the proportion of total spend on community equipment prescribed by NHS staff and prescribed \(rather than funded\) by the City of Wolverhampton Council staff. 56% NHS and 44% prescribed by City of Wolverhampton Council staff.](#)

5. In the 2016/17 financial year, what was the total spend on the community equipment service? [We are not able to provide a proportionate split of budget for the community equipment service as this is a component part of the Independent Living Service. The total spend on the Independent Living Service for 2016-17 was £2,527,264.](#)
6. In the 2016/17 financial year, what was the spend per head of population on the community equipment service? [See above \(response to Q5\).](#)
7. Do you operate a definition of which items of equipment meet 'health' needs and which meet 'social care' needs? If so, please provide a copy? [No standard definition in operation. The Local Authority currently have a set stock list as do the NHS.](#)
8. As of 31 March, 2017, how many people were authorised to prescribe items of community equipment? How many of these were NHS staff and how many were local authority staff? [NHS 753, Local Authority 29](#)