

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_233\_17**

### **You asked:**

1. What is the name of your service/
2. Who is the lead authority for your Service: local Authority, NHS, or joint?
3. What population size does the service cover?
4. Please provide contact details for the lead commissioner of the service?
5. How is the service currently provided: in-house / tendered out / other? (If other please give details. If tendered out, what date does the current contract/arrangement end?)
6. If in house are there any plans to test the market on the service?
7. If yes, when is it envisaged that this will happen: within 12 months, within 2 years, within 3 years, over 3 years, around 5 years, or not sure
8. Does the Community Equipment Service also include any provision of the following (please indicate):
  1. a) Telecare
  - b) Community alarms
  - c) Telehealth
  - d) Wheelchairs
  - e) Tissue viability/Pressure Care
  - f) Specialist seating
  - g) Minor adaptations
  - h) Major adaptations
  - i) Communication aids
  - j) Manual handling
  - k) Other specialist equipment
9. Are there any further plans to join/merge other related equipment services such as those mentioned above in your area?

**Our response:**

Cwm Taf UHB is one of the partners within the Community Equipment Service hosted and delivered by Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC at Vision Products, Pontyclun via a Section 33 agreement (Section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 together with the National Health Service Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2000 permits local authorities and local health boards to enter into partnering arrangements in respect of the exercise of their respective health related functions). Assistive and mobility equipment is managed through this partnership.

For information relating to this service you may wish to redirect your request to Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC who host and deliver it.

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the Health Board has the duty to provide help and assistance; therefore if you wish to contact PHW for this information, I have provided their contact email below:

[freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk)