

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_389_23

You asked:

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’.

Our response:

In relation to children’s therapy equipment (including specialist seating and standing frames), Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) is a partner within the Community Equipment Service hosted and delivered by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (CBC) at Vision Products, Pontyclun using 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 which permits local authorities and local health boards to enter into partnering arrangements in respect of the exercise of their respective health related functions). As part of this agreement children’s home and school therapy equipment is provided by the partnership to any child where there has been a defined assessed need for specialist seating, standing frames and specialist walking aids if they are the responsibility of CTMUHB.

We can confirm that the Health Board does not hold the detailed information that you require on the value of equipment provided, the number of pieces provided and whether these are new or recycled. This information is currently held via Community Equipment Service Vision Products. You may wish to redirect your request to Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC who host and deliver this service.

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 Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC for this information, I have provided their contact email below:

freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk

However, we are able to provide the following information which relates to community nursing equipment for children and young people:

The value of community disability equipment provided by your organisation*** to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.**

- 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 - £17,757.22
- 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 - £34,493.24

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

- 1 April 2019 to March 2020 - 2 specialist beds and mattresses, long-term rental.
- 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 – continued rental of 2 specialist beds and mattresses and a long-term rental of a specialist mattress.