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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 June 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding disability equipment. Specifically you asked for:

***Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), would you please provide information to us, for the following two periods:***

**1. 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.**

**2. 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.**

- The value\* of community disability equipment\*\* provided by your organisation\*\*\* to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.***
- The numbers of individual pieces of equipment supplied to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.***

*\* Value to include both recycled equipment 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 and specialist seating. We do not include structural adaptations, consumables such as nasal gastric tubing and incontinence supplies, IT equipment or surgical aids.*

*\*\*\*We require information from each organisation separately; if you are unable to achieve this or would like to provide joint spending figures (with another local statutory body) please state so clearly in your response.*

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust has provided the information below in relation to total number of children as we are not able to break down any further to identify terminally ill children.

Issues to children*	North		South	
15/16	71	£51,585	106	£95,000
16/17	95	£36,814	109	£54,187

Please note that between November 16 and February 2017 there were no special seating orders processed due to discussions around commissioning and funding for this service, which reduced spend significantly

\*The number of issues may include a chair and accessories for the same child. The trust is unable to break down the issues further as these are not recorded.

Please note these figures do not include spend on powered wheelchairs.

The contract with Medi-quipment Services for Wheelchair Services is arranged regionally via RREMS (Regional Rehabilitation Engineering and Mobility Services) and was commissioned regionally via NHS England. If you wish to contact RREMS in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact Mike Walker, Manager RREMS for any information / specific data sets Email [michael.walker@stees.nhs.uk](mailto:michael.walker@stees.nhs.uk)

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**