

Ref no: 092221018
From: Public
Date: 22/10/18
Subject: Loans and returns of hospital equipment

REQUEST

- 1) Do you have a system for recording loans and returns of
 - a. Crutches
 - b. Wheelchairs
 - c. Other walking aids

- 2) If yes, please provide, for each category and for each of the past five financial years:
 - a. How much you spent on the items
 - b. The number of items bought
 - c. The number of items issued to patients
 - d. The number of items returned by patients
 - e. The number of items reused for other patients
 - f. The number of items disposed of, and where available, their destination (e.g. sent to waste firm, donated to care home)

- 3) Please provide me with a copy of any trust guidelines on the purchase and disposal of crutches, wheelchairs and walking aids.

Please send me this information in a machine readable format such as a spreadsheet .csv or .xlsx where appropriate.

RESPONSE

On the whole it is not our equipment from the trust that is provided to patients, the majority of equipment is provided via our equipment provider partners such as the Integrated Community Equipment Services in Knowsley and their respective partners in other boroughs

The only equipment we provide from the Trust is crutches and a small number of walking frames (the latter for urgent discharge). These are recorded on a patient loan system and returned once no longer required.