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REQUEST & RESPONSE

Please find below a Freedom of Information request for the following information:

- In the last 5 years, how many walking frames (including zimmer frames, wheeled walkers, rollators and pick-up walkers) and how many walking sticks have been issued to patients by your Trust? Please include separate numbers for each category of walking aid.
- Zimmer frames, wheeled walkers, rollators and pick up walkers are not routinely issued by the Trust they are supplied from local equipment services in St Helens, Knowsley, Halton and Liverpool.
- What was the total spend by your Trust on the above for each of the last 5 years? (if possible, please break this down by year and item type).
- Therapies TUPEd to STHK in October 2014. Invoice data is available from January 2016 and spend on walking sticks, zimmer frames and 3 wheeled walkers is included in the attached excel spread sheet.



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- How many of the above have been returned to your Trust by patients over the last 5 years? (if possible, please break this down by year and item type).
- Equipment issued by Knowsley, Halton and Liverpool is returned to the respective equipment service.
- Of those returned, how many were deemed fit for re-use and how many were classed as unfit for re-issue?
- See answer above