

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-193**

Date 8 May 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1) 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.**

Please see table below.

- 2) 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).**

Please see table below.

2014	Walking Aids	1461	£ 23,456.82
	Walking Stick	1185	£ 5,743.50
	Total cost (excl VAT)		£ 29,200.32
2015	Walking Aids	1519	£ 26,570.47
	Walking Stick	1463	£ 6,720.82
	Total cost (excl VAT)		£ 33,431.29
2016	Walking Aids	1634	£ 25,977.86
	Walking Stick	1816	£ 7,759.17
	Total cost (excl VAT)		£ 33,737.02
2017	Walking Aids	2142	£ 35,068.97
	Walking Stick	1665	£ 7,525.43
	Total cost (excl VAT)		£ 42,594.39

- 3) 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). Of those returned, how many were deemed fit for re-use and how many were classed as unfit for re-issue?**

We do not hold this information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,


FOI Administrator