

Date: **12 July 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5291**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your request below:

Your Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of our Community Equipment Services. Could you answer the attached questions please?

Name of Community Equipment Service:

- 1. What is the population size and geographical area served by your Community Equipment Service?*
- 2. How many registered patients do you currently have with equipment on issue?*
- 3. How much did you spend on pressure care items for community equipment from:*
 - Beginning April 2018 – end March 2019?*
 - Beginning April 2017 – end March 2018?*
 - Beginning April 2016 – end March 2017?*
- 4. How many community acquired grade 3 and 4 pressure ulcers were recorded within your area for the period:*
 - Beginning April 2018 – end March 2019?*
 - Beginning April 2017 – end March 2018?*
 - Beginning April 2016 – end March 2017?*
- 5. How many community acquired grade 2 pressure ulcers were recorded within your area for the period:*
 - Beginning April 2018 – end March 2019?*
 - Beginning April 2017 – end March 2018?*
 - Beginning April 2016 – end March 2017?*
- 6. What pressure care equipment do you offer within your core stock?*

EG: Static mattress, air flow mattress, static pressure cushion, air pressure cushions, flexi gel pads, heel boots etc

And how many on average do you issue of each per month?

7. *Please can you share any guidance / clinical criteria used by clinicians when selecting which pressure area care equipment to issue?*

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust does not provide a Community Equipment Service; nor do we have either a community store or routinely lend equipment to patients. Walking aids are provided to patients on occasions; but we do not have a return system in place. The Trust cannot therefore respond to your specified questions relating to the Community Equipment Service.

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held up to the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your request for information. If, however, you have any queries in relation to your request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

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