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Your request

You requested the following:

I would be grateful if you could provide information to us on all the geographical areas that you cover, for the following two periods:

- 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
- 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

1. The value* of community disability equipment** provided by your organisation (we require information from each organisation separately, if you wish to provide joint spending figures – please let us know) to disabled and terminally ill children (as defined by the 2010 Equality Act please see *** below) in your area.
2. The numbers of individual pieces of equipment supplied to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.

It would be helpful when submitting your request if you could also indicate the previous CCG area(s) you are now providing OT services for and list these accordingly.

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

*** As defined by the 2010 Equality Act. Children up to their 18th birthday who have 'a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on their ability to do normal/daily activities'.

Our response

I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does not hold information in relation to your request. This is because the Health Board does not own community disability equipment such as wheelchairs, buggies, specialist beds, standing frames, hoists, car seats and specialist seating which is provided to disabled and terminally ill children. Any requirement for equipment is procured for purchase or lease on a case-by-case basis.

The Health Board provides service to the population of Gwent, which is made up of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Newport, Torfaen and Monmouthshire. You may also wish to approach the Children's

Disability teams within each local authority as they also provide Occupational Therapy services for disabled and terminally ill children.

The details to may a Freedom of Information request of each Local Authority are provided below:

- Blaenau Gwent: <https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/council/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-requests/>
- Caerphilly: <https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/foi>
- Monmouthshire: <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/home/freedom-of-information/>
- Newport: <https://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Council-Democracy/Transparency/Freedom-of-information.aspx>
- Torfaen:
<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/AboutTheCouncil/DataProtectionFreedomofInformation/Free-domofInformationAct/Freedom-of-Information.aspx>