

Your request

You requested the following:

Scope last two years.

1. Could you please provide the data of name of any external company/s used by ABUHB employed to give physical aftercare to stroke and heart patients discharged from hospital.
2. Details of any contracts relevant to the physical patient aftercare of heart and stroke patients and cost, if possible.
3. Details of what these companies are paid to provide for stroke and heart patients.
 - Including the cost of providing a walking stick.
4. If heart and stroke aftercare is in-house, please provide the same costings and data as above.

Our response

1. The Health Board do not use external companies to provide physical aftercare to stroke and heart patients who have been discharged from hospital.
2. Not applicable, please see our response to question 1.
3. Not applicable, please see our response to question 1.
 - I can however confirm that walking sticks cost between £2.98 - £3.81 depending on the handle and are provided via our Gwent Wide Integrated Community Equipment Service (GWICES) contract with Cefyndy-Medequip. Further information is available on the following link:

[Community Equipment Service - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/communities/equipment-service)

4. The Health Board is unable to provide this information. Heart and stroke aftercare is provided in-house and is included within a number of different overall service budgets. It is not possible to identify the costs solely attributed to rehabilitation within these budgets.