

## Freedom of Information request 667-23

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), 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.

\* 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'.

### Response

The equipment mentioned above is provided on a Regional Basis to NHS Borders by NHS Lothian via the South-east Mobility and Rehabilitation Technology (SMART) service, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information please find a link to NHS Lothian's website below:

<https://www.nhsllothian.scot/Pages/default.aspx>

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **667-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the

Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle,  
Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.