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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Your request sought information relating to community disability equipment.

The Health Board has a contract a Joint Equipment Service to provide equipment to children within the Health Board area - Suresprung.

We cannot determine from the information held whether the equipment is solely for disabled or terminally ill children, however we can provide all paediatric supplies.

These items are provided on loan to the child for as long as they are needed. On return they are re-utilised. Therefore there is a high rate of recycling, although this rate varies by equipment type due to the specialist nature of some equipment provided.

**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 2019 to 31st March 2020.**
- **1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.**

**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**



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**disabled and terminally ill children (as defined by the 2010 Equality Act\*\*\*) in your area.**

**\* Value to include both recycled equipment 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'.**

- 2019 – 2020. £172,740.59 (service users 110)
- 2020 – 2021. £184,906.26 (service users 117)

## **2. The numbers of individual pieces of equipment supplied to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.**

- 2019 – 2020 – 427 items issued
- 2020 – 2021 – 424 items issued

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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