

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Wheelchair services.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. Do you have a system of provision of children's wheelchairs based on:

Financial Limits (maximum allowance)

Needs of the child

2. If your Local Health Authority has a financial allowance or limit please state the amount

**No – based on individual needs of child**.....

3. What was the total budget for supplying wheelchairs to children (18 years and under) in the area of your Local Health Authority in:

2010/11 .....

2011/12 **£247,100 - Wheelchairs/Accessories for Adults and Children**

2012/13 **£197,372 - Wheelchairs/Accessories for Adults and Children**

2013/14 **£196,964 - Wheelchairs/Accessories for Adults and Children**

4. What is the total budget for supplying wheelchairs to under 18 year old children in the area of your Local Health Authority in 2014/15?

**£214,943 - Wheelchairs/Accessories for Adults and Children**

**Q5 & 6- this information is not recorded**

5. How many parents opted to take the finance allowance (voucher) and purchased wheelchairs for their children privately?

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2010/11 .....

2011/12 .....

2012/13 .....

2013/14 .....

2014/15 ..... (estimate)

6. How many children had wheelchairs supplied and wholly funded by the Local Health Authority in:

2010/11 .....

2011/12 .....

2012/13 .....

2013/14 .....

2014/15 ..... (estimate)

7. If your Local Health Authority bases the provision of the wheelchair on the child's needs how is this assessed?

Occupational Therapist

**Or physiotherapist**

Hospital Consultant

Other (please state) .....

8. Who has the responsibility to ensure that the wheelchair correctly fits the child and fulfils their needs?

Parent/Carer

Local Health Authority

Other (please state) **City and Hackney Wheelchair service (NHS)**.....

9. Children are constantly growing. How often does your Local Health Authority allow replacement wheelchairs for children?

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- Every two years
- Every three years
- Every five years
- Other (please state)  **as required based on need**

10. Do you recycle your wheelchairs for use with other clients?

- Yes  **yes**
- No

11. If yes, what is the average cost spent to re-purpose a wheelchair?

**Varies between £82 up to £600 dependent on complexity of chair and how much work is required**

12. If no, what happens to the wheelchair once a child has grown out of it?

**Chairs that are not cost effective to recycle are scrapped or donated to charity who carry out their own refurbishment.**

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