

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/008

Subject: Wheelchair Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION		RESPONSE	
1.	Who is the current provider of wheelchair services (WCS)?	North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) – Bristol Centre for Enablem https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/bristol-centre-enablement	ent
2.	What is the total value of the WCS contract?	Spend at this service is published online as part of the nation	nal
3.	What is the duration of the WCS contract?	statistics - https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-	
4.	What is the end date of the WCS contract? When would the new tender be released?	work-areas/national-wheelchair/ 3. One Year	
5.	Who is the current provider of approved repair services (AR)? (if different from WCS)	 31 March 2023 – at this time the ICB has no plans to retend for this service 	ler
6.	What is the total value of the AR contract?	5. See question 1.	
7.	What is the duration of the AR contract?	6. Spend at this service is published online as part of the natio	nal
8.	What is the end date of the AR contract? When would the new tender be released?	statistics - https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/	
9.	Were these contracts (WCS and AR) direct awards or	7. One Year	
3.	tenders? Was there an option for direct award and what framework was accessed?	31 March 2023 – at this time the ICB has no plans to retend for this service	ler
10	. Is specialist seating provision included in the WCS provision? If not, who is the provider, and what are the	These are direct awards under the NHS national standard contract framework	



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contract value, duration, end date and new tender release date?

- 11. Is Children's and adult's wheelchair provision/ maintenance within the same contract? If not could you please provide the requested metrics for each?
- 12. What is the number of patients served? (Current number and contractual target)
- 13. What share of the current WCS-AR expenditure currently spent by NHS facilities (i.e. insourced) will be tendered to outsourced providers in the next contractual cycle?

10. For specialist wheelchairs, NBT is the provider under the same contract.

Please note: specialist static seating is contracted by local authorities -

- Bristol City Council https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi
- North Somerset Council https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/freedom-information/freedom-information-foi
- South Gloucestershire Council https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/dataprotection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedomof-information-request/
- 11.Yes
- 12. Activity at this service is published online as part of the national statistics https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/
- 13. Not applicable

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 15 July 2022 and has been approved for release by Lisa Manson, Director of Commissioning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.