

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/213

**Subject:** Community Disability Equipment

*I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I would be grateful if you could provide information to us on all the geographical areas that you cover, for the following two periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</li> </ul> <p>* 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.</p> <p>**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.</p> <p>*** 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’.</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>The three local authorities in BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) are the lead commissioners for Integrated Community Equipment Services (ICES).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bristol City Council FOI portal where requests should be logged is: <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedomof-">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedomof-</a></li> </ul>

<p>please see *** below) in your area.</p>	<p><a href="#">information-foi</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Gloucestershire FOI Team: <a href="mailto:FreedomOfInformation@southglos.gov.uk">FreedomOfInformation@southglos.gov.uk</a></li><li>• North Somerset Council FOI Team: <a href="mailto:foi@n-somerset.gov.uk">foi@n-somerset.gov.uk</a></li></ul> <p>Wheelchairs – the ICB contract for wheelchairs and maintenance with North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) on a block contract arrangement and therefore it is not possible to identify the cohort required. We advise you to try contacting NBT: <a href="https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/informationgovernance/freedom-information/request-information">https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/informationgovernance/freedom-information/request-information</a></p>
<p>2. The numbers of individual pieces of equipment supplied to disabled and terminally ill children in your area.</p>	<p>The BNSSG contract is held by Bristol City Council (BCC), on behalf of all commissioners, since October 2022.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 5 September 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***