

I am researching the varying provision of community equipment services ("CES") throughout the UK.

A community equipment service provides daily living aids such as crutches, commodes, profiling beds, etc. This service might be known under a different name locally, such as a joint equipment store or an equipment loan service. The service may also provide other equipment in addition to daily living aids. Please could you answer the following questions separately under the Freedom of Information Act:

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| 1) Is an outsourced organisation (or organisations) used to deliver the service? If so, what is their name? | In House Service |
| 2) Does the service provide other services or equipment in addition to daily living aids? If so, what are they? | Wigan In House Service provides Complex specials equipment, Aids to Daily Living, Paediatric, Sensory, Visual and Hearing equipment, Pressure Care and Beds, |
| 3) For how long has the outsourced organisation(s) been providing the service? | N/A |
| 4) If your service is shared or commissioned with other authorities, please name the other authorities and state who is the lead/coordinating commissioner? | No other local Authority involved. |
| 5) When was the service last tendered? | In House Service |
| 6) When will the service next be tendered? | In House Service |
| 7) When does the current contract expire? Please provide details of any potential contract extensions. | In House Service |
| 8) Is equipment purchased separately, e.g. through a framework agreement rather than via the provider organisation? Please state the names of any agreements if so. | Equipment Currently procured Via Suppliers on the YPO framework. |
| 9) How much was spent on the service in the last financial year? | £1,525.222 |
| 10) What is the size of the population covered by the service? | 330,713 |
| 11) How many registered users does the service have? | 55,924 |
| 12) Re: patient choice. Does the service routinely operate on Saturday or Sunday? | Yes |
| 13) Re: patient choice. Does the service routinely operate after 5pm, Monday to Friday? | Yes |
| 14) Re: patient satisfaction. Please provide summary results of the latest patient survey? | Collated as part of a wider Early Intervention Service. |