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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014399 – Walking/mobility aids

Using the Freedom of Information Act, may I please request the following information.

From January 1 2014 until the date of this request, how many temporary walking /mobility aids available for patients have been deemed irrecoverable / missing?

Please list the number of temporary walking / mobility aids by type (ie 45 x crutches, 3 x wheel chairs) and by year.

Please also state, where known, the amount spent on walking / mobility aids such as these each year.

The aim of this request is to identify how many pairs of crutches, etc, have not been returned by patients in recent years and the cost burden on the NHS. The word 'irrecoverable' is therefore used to weed out genuine cases where crutches are still being used by patients.

Please see below information requested from 1/4/18 to date, other information can be found on the disclosure log on the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type in walking.

Qty

Zimmer Frames
Wheeled Walkers - 2
Rollators
Pick-up Walkers 100
Walking Sticks - 575
Crutches - 1286

Spend

Zimmer Frames
Wheeled Walkers - £113.68
Rollators
Pick-up Walkers - £1888.91
Walking Sticks - £2293.95
Crutches - £14296.64