

Date: 17/02/2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013257 – Recycling

- 1) Please confirm whether your trust recycles medical aids (such as crutches, wheelchairs etc) for reuse by other patients - Yes
- 2) Is yes, please provide information on the number of medical aids that were recycled in the 2016 calendar year, broken down by the type of medical aid recycled - This information is not recorded
- 3) a) Please provide a copy of your trust's current guidance on recycling medical aids. - No guidance has been written except to say that equipment is decontaminated before re-issue. This is clearly documented in the Decontamination Policy and Decontamination of Medical Devices Policy
- b) Please also provide a copy of your trust's guidance on the recycling of medical aids returned to your trust from other NHS authorities. - No guidance has been written
- c) If you do not have an exact 'copy' of this guidance, can you please provide a description of the policies requested in 3a) and 3b) -
There is no formal policy however providing equipment is safe to reissue regardless of its point of origin we will clean and reissue to patients. This is clearly documented in the decontamination Policy and Decontamination of Medical Devices Policy
- 4) If you do not currently recycle medical aids, please provide a copy of your trust's guidance on why you do not recycle medical aids, or the minutes of the meeting at which it was decided that your trust would not recycle medical aids. - N/A
- 5) If you do not currently recycle medical aids, please provide all information held concerning current or future trials of this policy within your trust - N/A