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From: Commercial
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Subject: Issue and return of walking frames

Q1 In the last 5 years, how many walking frames (including zimmer frames, wheeled walkers, rollators and pick-up walkers) and how many walking sticks have been issued to patients by your Trust? Please include separate numbers for each category of walking aid.

A1 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. We can however advise how many walking frames/walking sticks have been purchased by the Trust:

Walking frames:

2013 – 2014 Information not held

2014 – 2015 114

2015 – 2016 65

2016 – 2017 48

2017 – 2018 66

Walking Sticks:

2013 – 2014 Information not held

2014 – 2015 40

2015 – 2016 20

2016 – 2017 50

2017 – 2018 150

Q2 What was the total spend by your Trust on the above for each of the last 5 years? (if possible, please break this down by year and item type).

A2 **Walking frames:**

2013 – 2014 Information not held

2014 – 2015 £3,608.82

2015 – 2016 £1,968.12

2016 – 2017 £995.25

2017 – 2018 £1,432.62

Walking Sticks:

2013 – 2014 Information not held

2014 – 2015 £179.20

2015 – 2016 £89.60

2016 – 2017 £197.04

2017 – 2018 £591.12

Q3 How many of the above have been returned to your Trust by patients over the last 5 years? (if possible, please break this down by year and item type).

A3 Information not held – we do not ask that walking frames or sticks be returned.

Q4 Of those returned, how many were deemed fit for re-use and how many were classed as unfit for re-issue?

A4 Information not held – not applicable as per A3 above