

**Freedom of Information Request – 4365**

**Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.**

- 1. How many “daily living aids” (eg walking sticks, and crutches) were issued to patients by the hospital (A & E, Fracture clinic or similar department) in the last financial year.**

*The total number of walking aids ordered was 4534.*

*1748 daily living aids were issued by A&E*

*111 daily living aids were issued directly from the Physiotherapy outpatient walking aids clinic.*

*The remaining were issued by Therapists within the acute hospital.*

- 2. How many “daily living aids” (eg walking sticks, and crutches) were picked up or recycled by the hospital (or a company working for the hospital) in the last financial year.**

*We do not have a collection service and none of the aids are currently re-cycled to re-issue to patients. Currently the cost of re-certifying equipment before re-issue makes this unviable. However, a new scheme is currently being considered.*

- 3. How much did the hospital spend on “daily living aids” (eg walking sticks, and crutches) in the last financial year.**

*The total spend on all walking aids was £54,202.89*