

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

I hereby wish to make a formal request under 'The Freedom of Information Act 2000' to obtain the information relating to how many mobility aids, are issued to out-patients, for example walking sticks, crutches, walking frame aids, that are loaned out to patients, either through A&E or through hospitalised patients that have been admitted and then discharged, that require any of these aids.

I am looking for the last 3 financial years starting from 2017 to 2018, 2018 to 2019, and 2019 to March 2020.

The cost of purchasing the above items, including any replacement parts costs of the above. If this is administrated at a local trust level for; Southend, Basildon, and Broomfield, or if purchasing is handled through Mid and South Essex NHS Trust Foundation on behalf of the 3 trust hospitals.

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### Response:

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is a Mental Health, Learning Disability and Community Services Trust and does not have any input into the purchasing of the above items for Southend, Basildon and Broomfields which are Acute Hospitals.

We believe that this request should be re-directed to Mid and South Essex NHS Trust. Their contact details can be found in the following link: <https://www.mse.nhs.uk/contact-us>

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