



Reference: RFI 1706039

**Request:**

I am submitting this request for information under the Freedom of Act (2000). I would like to know:

1. Which NHS clinical commissioning groups do you work with to commission a community equipment service?

North Tyneside CCG

2. What mechanism is in place to apportion the cost of equipment between the local authority and the NHS? Is it:

- a) An agreed risk share (e.g. local authority pays for 50% of equipment costs, NHS pays for 50% of equipment costs)
- b) Based on who prescribes the equipment (e.g. NHS is charged for equipment prescribed by NHS staff, local authority is charged for equipment prescribed by local authority staff)
- c) Based on whether the equipment is prescribed to meet 'health' or 'social care' needs?
- d) Other - please describe

This is managed through a pooled budget arrangement under the Better Care Fund

3. In the financial year 2016/17, what proportion of the total community equipment service cost was funded by the NHS, and what proportion was funded by the local authority?

Within the Better Care Fund agreement an amount of £7.013m was included for community based support of which the Loan Equipment forms a part. Within the Authority's records, an amount of £843,160 Better Care Fund income was allocated to the Loan Equipment Service. This constitutes 61.6% of Loan Equipment expenditure with the remaining element of 38.4% being notionally funded by the Authority.

4. In the financial year 2016/17, what proportion of the total spend on community equipment was prescribed by NHS staff, and what proportion was funded by local authority staff?

Information not held

5. In the 2016/17 financial year, what was the total spend on the community equipment service?

Gross expenditure was £1,369,026

6. In the 2016/17 financial year, what was the spend per head of population on the community equipment service?

Information not held

7. Do you operate a definition of which items of equipment meet 'health' needs and which meet 'social care' needs? If so, please provide a copy.

No

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8. As of 31 March, 2017, how many people were authorised to prescribe items of community equipment? How many of these were NHS staff and how many were local authority staff?

Current 'active' accounts for prescribers is 878 (snapshot as at 20/6/17)

Prescribers	Qty	%
NHS	655	74.6
Local authority	223	25.4
Total	878	100

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