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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to walking frames.

You asked:

1. *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.*
2. *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).*
3. *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).*
4. *Of those returned how many were deemed fit for re-use and how many were classed as unfit for re-issue?*

Trust response:

Please note: Walking sticks are purchased by the Trust and issued as single use items. All walking frames are provided via the West Kent Integrated Community (Shared) Equipment Store (ICES) that is jointly funded by social care and the CCG. These items are on loan to patients and therefore returned to the ICES store when no longer in use. The following information relates to walking sticks only.

1. and 2.

Walking Aids Per Year

2016-2017

2017-2018

Row Labels	Number of Boxes	Number of Items	Total Spend	Number of Boxes	Number of Items	Total Spend
Walking Stick	581	581	£2,270.28	1317	1730	£7,119.16

3. Not applicable – single use item
4. Not applicable – single use item