

Reference:	FOI.16798 & 16799.25
Subject:	Hoisting equipment and equipment servicing
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Requested:

FOI.16798

1. Does the Authority currently own their Patient Hoisting Equipment or is this on a rental basis?
2. If hoists are owned, how long do these stay active before replacement is required?
3. What brand of hoists does the Authority own?
4. Is this on a contract basis?

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1. Does the Authority outsource the servicing of hoisting equipment, i.e. Loler testing?
2. Is this on a contract basis?
3. If under contract, who is this with and when is this contract due for renewal?
4. Do you have any other equipment i.e. beds that require servicing and if so, is this under contract.

Response:

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1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it currently owns its patient hoisting equipment.
2. The patient hoists remain active until they are deemed end of life by the manufacturer, or they can no longer be supported by the service provider, in accordance with the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Managing Medical Device guidelines. The patient hoists are also flagged when older than ten (10) years of age, and will potentially have the opportunity to be replaced, should funding be available, and an appropriate case be put forward to replace the item. Patient hoists may also be replaced if a fault is identified and it is deemed uneconomical to repair the device.
3. The UHB provides within the table below, the brand of hoists owned.

Liko
Oxford / Joerns
Arjo
Handicare
Invacare
Melius Pro B.V.
Prism
Select Healthcare

4. Not applicable, as the patient hoists are owned.

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1. The UHB confirms that it does outsource the servicing of hoisting equipment.
2. The UHB confirms that the outsourcing of servicing is on a contract basis.
3. The UHB confirms that the servicing of hoisting equipment is under contract with Drive Devilbiss, and the contract is due for renewal in June 2025.
4. The UHB confirms that it does have other equipment that requires servicing, and this is also under contract.