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Subject:	Specialist seating
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Requested:

Please can the following information be provided for your organisation in full. If there have been any organisational changes within the timeframe request such as mergers, please indicate this.

1. Please can you provide the last 3 years spend on specialist seating used for patients i.e., recliners and tilt in space chairs not general staff or waiting type seating, excluding VAT, broken down by year i.e. 2020, 2021 and 2022. There is no preference on if this is fiscal or calendar year.
2. In each of these years please could you highlight the 3 models you purchased/rented the most of by quantity
3. Do you purchase outright or rent/hire your specialist seating for the trust. If there is a mixture, please could you quantify the split per year for the last 3 years.
4. Please confirm which manufacturers of specialist seating your organisation purchased/rented from ie Ocura, DHG, Seating Matters, Remtec, Vivid Care, Premiere, Felgains Formal, Caremed.
 - a. If multiple suppliers, please could you outline the top 3 by spend per year for 3 the last 3 years.
5. Are you currently in a specialist seating contract if so, who is this with, when does this run to and is there an agreed extension in place
6. Within the last 12 months has there been any entry to the trusts risk register with regards to specialist seating and if so, has this been resolved or still open
7. Please can you provide the details of your hospitals care or multidisciplinary team (MDT's) that collaborate to provide fundamental care for patients?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the spend on specialist seating, during the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Spend
2020/21	£169,735.05
2021/22	£63,294.15
2022/23	£58,079.83

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the three (3) models purchased/rented the most, during the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Model
2020/21	Dual Motor Recliner with heavy duty braked castors 3 Section plinth Electric Chair Florien Elite, Dyna-Tek Intelligent Air Seat
2021/22	Adjusta Recliner Chair Faraday Electric Dual Motor Recliner 30-Inch-Wide Bedside chair
2022/23	Florien II Tilt and Space Chair Pro Axis Riser Recliner Chair Nuyork Standard twin motor lift Recliner Chair

3. The UHB both rents and purchases specialist seating. The table below provides the spend, split into amounts for purchased and rented, during the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Purchased	Rented
2020/21	£145,725.45	£24,009.60
2021/22	£46,120.15	£17,174.00
2022/23	£29,677.37	£28,402.46

4. The UHB provides below, a list of the suppliers that it has purchased and rented specialist seating from, during the 2020/21 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

- Direct Healthcare Group Ltd
- Premiere Healthcare Ltd
- Caremed Alrick (UK) Ltd
- Knightsbridge Furniture Productions
- Ocura Healthcare Ltd
- Pineapple Contracts
- Benmor Medical (UK) Ltd
- Teal Furniture Ltd
- Careflex Ltd
- Arjo UK Ltd
- Perthyn
- Nottingham Rehab Ltd
- Cantre Mobility
- NPL Medical Services Ltd

- a. The UHB provides below, the three (3) highest suppliers by spend, during the 2020/21 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Model
2020/21	Direct Healthcare Group Ltd Premiere Healthcare Ltd Caremed Alrick (UK) Ltd
2021/22	Direct Healthcare Group Ltd NPL Medical Services Ltd Teal Furniture Ltd
2022/23	Benmor Medical (UK) Ltd

5. The UHB confirms that it does not have a specialist seating contract in place. All specialist seating is purchased/rented as and when needed.
6. The UHB confirms that there have been two (2) entries recorded on the UHB's risk register relating to specialist seating and both are still open, during the period 23 August 2022 to 22 August 2023.
7. The UHB has several Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) across all of its services to provide fundamental care for patients.

The UHB's Therapies service works collaboratively with other services to support individual patients. The team has a range of well defined MDTs that are specifically involved in managing patients requiring specialist seating as follows:-

- Paediatrics – Three (3) MDTs, one (1) for each Geographical County: Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Learning Disabilities - Three (3) MDTs, one (1) for each Geographical County: Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire
- Community based Neurological rehabilitation MDTs - Six (6):
North and South Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire 3Ts (Taf/Teifi/Tywi)
Communities, Amman Gwendraeth and Llanelli
- Acute hospital Neurological/Stroke MDTs - Four (4):
Bronglais General Hospital, Glangwili General Hospital, Prince Philip Hospital and Withybush General Hospital
- Specialist Community Neurological team (advanced practitioners) – one (1):
Health Board wide remit.

Additionally, MDTs can be arranged at short notice to discuss an individual's needs, where required.