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Requested:

1. How is funding and contracting for Wheelchair Clinical Services (WCS) structured within your health board, and is there any other proportion of funding that is supplied by local authorities or other bodies?
2. What is the total budget allocated for WCS services for the current financial year, and what is the planned budget for the next financial year - if this is not known, can you provide a percentage estimate of whether it will be higher, lower, or unchanged compared with the current budget?
3. What was the total expenditure (£) on WCS services for each of the last three financial years?
4. What proportion of expenditure was on outsourced (i.e. independent sector) service providers for each of the last three financial years?
5. Which independent providers did you use for WCS services in the last financial year, and what value of total spending was with each provider? For example, NRS Healthcare, Millbrook Healthcare, Ross Care, AJM Healthcare, Blatchford, Opcare.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the requested information, as it does not provide Wheelchair Clinical Services (WCS). However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and confirms that the Artificial Limb and Appliance Service and Posture and Mobility Service for South Wales are hosted by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB). We therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Teams in CAVUHB, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. The contact details are as follows:-

FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: FoI Team, CAVUHB, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.