

Freedom of Information – Response – 4904

Request:

Freedom of Information request - AAC Devices

I am an academic researcher, attempting to assess the provision of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices in Education in the UK (devices used to aid communication, typically for people with difficulty speaking). Could you please send me a list of augmentative and alternative communication devices purchased by or within your authority between 31st March 2006 and 1st April 2012? (So we are including both for children and adults, and both educational and social reasons)

We would like the information broken down by both product name (So for example Dynavox Xpress, iPod touch with TapToTalk, BigMack) and by year. Ideally you would include the price paid, but we can deduce that from the products if necessary.

- *Date Purchased, Supplier, Model, Number, Unit Cost, Total Cost*

Response:

We are unable to provide this information as our records are not held in a way allowing us to determine this (this spend will have been through a persons personal budget or individual budgets). If you have not already done so you may wish to contact the NHS (details below).

<http://www.suffolk.nhs.uk/Home/Contactus/FreedomofInformation.aspx>