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Dr Joseph Reddington  
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Dear Mr Reddington

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – Communication Devices**

I refer to your request for information from NHS Bradford and Airedale regarding the above.

You requested:

“Would you please send me details of Augmentative and alternative communication devices supplied/purchased by your trust, between 31st March 2006 and 1st April 2011.”

I attach a separate sheet listing the equipment provided during the specified dates.

Of note:

The Communication Aid Project (CAP) began in April 2002 and was a national project which ran for 4 years, providing £20m. Its aim was to support the funding of Communication Aids and other equipment to children with spoken or written communication difficulties due to physical, sensory or learning difficulties. It was DfES funded and managed by BECTA.

By the end of the project (April 2006), children in Bradford and Airedale had been provided with £148 000 worth of equipment. Additional support for professionals' time during the project had also been available.

Since then, the PCT has funded this high tech AAC equipment for adult patients and Education funded 50% of the equipment requested and approved for children.

I hope I have addressed all the issues raised in your request.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision you should write to the Information Governance Manager, Douglas Mill, Bowling Old Lane, Bradford BD5 7JR, quoting the reference number above.



Chair: John Chuter  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Booth'.

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