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Dear Dr Reddington

Freedom of Information Request: Reference M302-11

Thank you for your request of 11 November 2011.

The collection of this information is rather complicated due to the fact that there is a joint budget with social care for the provision of communication aids, and this is operated by Manchester Equipment and Adaptation Partnership (MEAP).

Unfortunately, due to two changes in operational management, the MEAP records for 2007-9 are incomplete. We have provided the attached to the best of our knowledge with the information that we have available. The list also includes an aid funded via an individual funding request.

It should also be pointed out to you that we have a communication aid loan store that is operated by MEAP. When this arrangement was set up in 2005, all of the aids that were held in the PCT's speech therapy departments were collected together. This has enabled us to loan commonly used aids such as lightwriters and speech amplifiers to adults with progressive neurological conditions and recycle them when no longer required by the patient. Since 2005, we have not had to purchase any new lightwriters/amplifiers."

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Yours sincerely

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