

Ref: FOI 149

24 October 2019

Dear Requestor

**Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 9 October 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to wheelchair services. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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**Paddy Baker**  
Data Protection Officer  
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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**Q1:**

Is your Wheelchair service procured as a separate service, or is it combined with other services such as Community Equipment, Prosthetics etc. If so, which services is it combined with?

**Response:**

Dorset Wheelchair Service is delivered as an element of the community services contract that NHS Dorset CCG has commissioned with Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

**Q2:**

Is your wheelchair service procured as an integrated wheelchair service (i.e. Assessments and approved repair in one contract) or separately as different contracts?

**Response:**

Integrated Wheelchair Service.

**Q3:**

Is your provider / providers an NHS organisation or a contracted out non NHS organisation?

**Response:**

NHS Organisation.

**Q4:**

What is the name of your current Wheelchair Services provider – or if Approved Repair and Assessments are provided separately, what are the names of the providers for each service?

**Response:**

Dorset HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust.

**Q5:**

Is your wheelchair service exclusive to your CCG?

**Response:**

Yes.

**Q6:**

If your service is combined with another CCG please provide a list of the CCGs that share this wheelchair service and confirm who is the lead CCG?

**Response:**

N/A.

**Q7:**

When was each part of your wheelchair service (Assessment, Approved Repair, or integrated) last tendered?

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG last tendered wheelchair service in 2013 when the CCG was formed.

**Q8:**

When does the current contract expire. Please provide details of any potential contract extensions?

**Response:**

Current contract expires 31 March 2021 with the option to extend for 12 months.

**Q9:**

Please provide the date this Wheelchair service will be next tendered?

**Response:**

A decision will be made in 2021 once it is determined if the option to extend will be exercised.

**Q10:**

What is the size of the population covered by your wheelchair service?

**Response:**

800k +

**Q11:**

How many registered users are served by the Wheelchair Service?

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information; you may be able to source from our providers via their Freedom of Information teams as follows:

Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust on [foi.enquiries@dhuft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@dhuft.nhs.uk)

**Q12:**

What is the contract spend in the last financial year for the integrated Wheelchair service?

**Response:**

£3m.