

# Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

### You Asked for:

- The number of hearing aids issued by suppliers to the Wirral CCG by commissioned pathway providers
- The number of replacements issued and at what cost. **(can you confirm if you would know the cost or if I would send the cost section to Finance)**

### Our Response

- Hearing aids are provided by an Any Qualified Provider (AQP) route meaning we have different providers in the Wirral area supplying the fitting of hearing aids; the breakdown by financial year is below:

Financial Year	Total number of hearing aids fitted
2013/14	6,933
2014/15 so far (April – Dec)	4,823

- Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not breakdown the cost / activity of hearing aids by 'initial' or 'replacement' therefore we cannot answer to this section of the enquiry.

I hope this sufficiently answers your FOI enquiry however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the FOI team (contact details at the top of this letter).

Yours sincerely



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