

## **Freedom of Information Request**

**Please Provide the criteria that is used in order to provide a hospital style bed for a patient at home on a short term loan basis, The bed is To be used in the trust area.**

Please see extract below from the community equipment policy.

### 3.1. Prescribing Professionals

Professionals involved in the prescription and issuing of equipment have a responsibility to carry out a full assessment to establish service user need and order the equipment via the Equipment Loan Management System (ELMS2).

#### Assessment

In all circumstances service user assessment should be carried out by a professional member of staff or support staff deemed to have met the required competency. Functional, cognitive and environmental factors should be considered as part of any assessment to ensure effective use of resources and consider the choice of equipment available.

Requests for community equipment may be made:

- To promote enablement
- Support activities of daily living
- To support a risk assessment for professional and support staff
- Rehabilitation
- End of life care

Requests for equipment may be for short term or longer term use based on assessed need. Primarily equipment will be for use within the service users own home or in a community bed. It is recognised that there may be exceptional circumstances that require individual consideration.