



Social Work Resources
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Memo

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Subject: Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum - Equipment and Adaptations Query

I refer to your memo of 10 November 2009 regarding the current overspend on equipment and adaptations.

The overspend on equipment and adaptations as at period 6 of the current financial year 2009/10 was approximately £144,000. I can confirm that this overspend is mainly attributable to the provision of equipment for daily living and is due to the general Council policy of supporting people to live independently as long as possible in their own homes. This is a service which is demand led and the equipment provided assists both community provision and facilitates discharge from hospital for people with an assessed need.

It may also be helpful to note that the equipment service moved on the 1 April 2009 to a joint partnership arrangement through EQUIPU. All special orders for equipment which were identified in March 2009, in advance of the new arrangements, were not placed until April 2009. This was a planned strategy which reflected the supply and delivery timescales associated with special orders. This has therefore resulted in an increase in the level of demand which is being accounted for in the current financial year.

I hope the foregoing information is of assistance to you, but if you require any further clarification please contact me.

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