

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_2019116**
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Department: **Other**
Title: **GP surgeries hoist assistance**
Description: **Accessibility for people with reduced mobility to GP surgeries and hoists installed.**

Request: *(As Redacted sent by requestor)*

To whom it may concern,

I am an employee of the Muscular Dystrophy UK (MDUK) charity. We are currently conducting research into accessible GP practices throughout the UK. I would be grateful if you could assist us with our research by providing the following information included in this Freedom of Information request.

Freedom of Information Act request (FOI) requesting data on the number of GP surgeries that have a hoist to assist mobility impaired persons transfer onto an examination table.

Muscular Dystrophy UK is conducting research in order to determine the number of GP Practises/ Surgeries throughout the United Kingdom that are accessible to persons with reduced mobility. In order to assist us with our research, we kindly request the following information:

1, How many of the GP surgeries/ Practises offering GP services within your Local Authority have step- free access. In addition, how many practises offering GP services do not have step -free access?

2, In the event that a patient requiring step- free access was to attend a practise that did not offer step- free access, what contingency plan/ reasonable adjustment, if any, is implemented to ensure the patient receives the treatment they require without significant delay and in a reasonable time-frame.

3, How many surgeries and clinics within your Local Authority offering GP services have a hoist installed (either mobile or ceiling) to assist a patient transfer from a wheelchair onto a GP's examination table. How many GP surgeries and buildings offering GP services do not have a hoist installed? In the event that a hoist is not available, what reasonable adjustment/adjustments are put in place to ensure the patient can receive treatment without delay?

I look forward to hearing from you & thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards,

Response: *(Response as Redacted sent by service)*

Thank you for your query.

Hertsmere Borough Council is not involved in the service provision of GP Practises/Surgeries and therefore do not have this information.
You would need to contact the NHS or individual GP Practises/Surgeries.

Kind regards

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