

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/388

Subject: Clinical Wheelchair Services (WCS)

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>a. How is funding and contracting for WCS structured within your ICB – apart from the NHS, are there any other proportion of funding that is supplied by local authorities or other bodies?</p>	<p>BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) ICB commissions North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT) to provide wheelchair services to our population. See https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/enablement/wheelchair-services/ for further information.</p> <p>The ICB does not hold any data regarding Local Authorities (LA) or other bodies. The LA's may hold some further information and can be contacted as follows:</p> <p>Bristol City Council - https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</p> <p>North Somerset Council - https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council - https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-</p>

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b. What is the total budget allocated for WCS services for the current financial year, and what is the planned budget for the next financial year - if this is not known, can you provide a percentage estimate of whether it will be higher, lower, or unchanged compared with the current budget?	Wheelchair services are included within a block contract; consequently, there is no separate budget allocated for these services.
c. What was the total expenditure (£) on WCS services for each of the last three financial years?	2023/24: £3,780,608 2024/25: £3,848,659 2025/26: £3,914,158
d. What proportion of expenditure was on outsourced (i.e. independent sector) service providers for each of the last three financial years?	All activity is contracted via NBT.
e. Which independent providers did you use for WCS services in the last financial year, and what value of total spending was with each provider? For example, NRS Healthcare, Millbrook Healthcare, Ross Care, AJM Healthcare, Blatchford, Opcare.	All activity is contracted via NBT.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 17 February 2026 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Business, Strategy & Planning for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.