

2 CHARGING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS (AN341-2002)

Reference is made to Article VI of the Best Value Sub-Committee held on 26th February, 2002.

In Line with the recommendations of the Best Value Review of Occupational Therapy Services report and in order to progress work with Joint Future Agreements, Single Shared Assessment and Free Personal Care, it is reported that it is necessary to revise arrangements for charging for equipment and adaptations. This will assist in the alignment of policy and practices regarding the provision of equipment.

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- remove the standard £25 which applies to most equipment
- remove the £4.00 weekly charge for electrically operated equipment
- continue present arrangements for financial support for adaptations.

This will allow the development of flexible working practices with Health to;

- improve hospital discharge arrangements
- allow the provision of equipment to be incorporated within Single Shared Assessment.

It will also target staff resources at areas of greatest need.