

# TCES COMMUNITY BRINGS COST REDUCTIONS TO THE NHS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES BY RECYCLING CHILDRENS EQUIPMENT

## INTRODUCTION

There is clear evidence that the recycling of equipment by local authorities (and their NHS partners) can significantly reduce the cost of providing these services to individuals and potentially support services to do more for less.

Recycling can also reduce waiting times for the provision of equipment, leading to increased customer satisfaction.

**Total Saving of £4,895,887**

## HOW TCES COMMUNITY FACILITATES THE PROVISION OF RECYCLED SPECIALS IN A COMMUNITY SETTING

2 separate catalogues- Standard Catalogue/ Specials Catalogue

TCES Community prompts prescribers to check the recycled specials catalogue first before proceeding to buying a new special item; interactive online searching of equipment across a range of tags and metadata ensuring that equipment is always re-used before being purchased. Selecting this way ensures that a high



Equipment is refurbished to such a high standard that often the end user thinks the equipment is new.

TCES Community manages equipment across 60 plus contracts, facilitating equipment sharing between contracts (shared specials) meaning there is more chance of there being customised and bespoke special equipment available that fits the needs of the child. Finding a recycled special also cuts lead time down from 6 weeks to a few days ensuring the child obtains the immediate benefit. In the past 3 years TCES Community has facilitated on average 645 new specials to paediatric service users. In the same 3 years, 8589 recycled items were reissued, producing a total saving of £4,895,887.20.



quality search has been attempted by the clinician. TCES Community also allows detailed imagery, video walkrounds, clear cataloguing and location of assets for quick and efficient physical retrieval.

All recycled equipment is sent through an audited cleaning and refurbishment sequence so it meets the need of the service user.

Many suppliers such as R82 (Paediatric supplier) will reconfigure special equipment before it goes to the service user, adding new parts and adapting sizing so it is fit for purpose.

Cost saving for recycled specials when using TCES Community over a 3 year period

