

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PROSTHETIC SERVICE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the prosthetic service within NHS Lothian.

Question:

1) Could you please advise of the Number of staff and AfC Banding (or equivalence) x WTE of these staff (e.g. Physiotherapist - Band 5 x 0.8WTE):

- a. Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine
- b. Clinical Nurse Specialists
- c. Healthcare Assistants
- d. Prosthetists
- e. Prosthetic Technicians
- f. Occupational Therapists
- g. Physiotherapists
- h. Clinical and Administrative Support Staff
- i. Podiatrists
- j. Orthotists
- k. Psychologists
- l. Counsellors
- m. Rehabilitation Engineers

Answer:

a.	2; Consultant/Specialist Doctor x 0.2 WTE
b.	1; AfC 5 x 0.8 WTE
c.	None
d.	10; AfC 5/6/7/8B x 8.0 WTE
e.	7; AfC 4/5 x 6.4 WTE
f.	1; AfC 7 x 0.8 WTE
g.	1; AfC 6 x 1.3 WTE
h.	6; AfC 2/3/5/7 x 3.8 WTE
i.	None
j.	None

k.	1; AfC 8A x 0.2 WTE
l.	None
m.	1; AfC 7 x 0.5 WTE

Question:

2) Please provide the approximate number of patients registered to the service.

Answer:

1,100 patients.

Question:

3) What is the model of service operation – in-house/sub-contracted/fully managed?

Answer:

In-house.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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