

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC SERVICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Prosthetic and Orthotic services

Question:

1. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission a Prosthetic service?

Answer:

Yes

Question:

2. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission an Orthotic service for patients?

Answer:

Yes

Question:

3a If you answered Yes to Question 1: Is your Prosthetic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider?

3b If you answered Yes to Question 2: Is your Orthotic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider?

Answer:

a.	Prosthetic service is delivered in-house
b.	Orthotic service delivered in-house

Question:

4. Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning analysis for your Allied Health Professional (AHP) workforce?

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Answer:

Yes

Question:

5a. If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Prosthetic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)?

5b. If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Orthotic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)?

Answer:

a.	Yes
b.	Yes

Question:

6a. If your Prosthetic service is contracted out (as indicated in Question 3a): Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Prosthetic service?

6b. If your Orthotic service is contracted out (as indicated in Question 3b): Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Orthotic service?

Answer:

a.	N/A
b.	N/A

Question:

7a. If you answered Yes to Question 6a: How does your Trust/Health Board collate workforce planning data from the contracted Prosthetic service provider? Please describe the process, including the frequency of data collection and what data is gathered.

7b. If you answered Yes to Question 6b: How does your Trust/Health Board collate workforce planning data from the contracted Orthotic service provider? Please describe the process, including the frequency of data collection and what data is gathered.

Answer:

a.	N/A
b.	N/A

Question:

8. If your Trust/Health Board does not carry out workforce planning for its Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services (whether in-house or contracted), please explain what steps you are taking to secure the prosthetic and/orthotic workforce pipeline.



Answer:

N/A

Question:

9. Does your Trust/Health Board include data from its Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services (whether in-house or contracted) in any workforce returns submitted to NHS England, NHS Wales, NHS Scotland, or equivalent national workforce planning bodies?

Answer:

Yes

Question:

10. Please provide the current whole time equivalent (WTE) staffing establishment for your Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services, broken down by:

- (a) Prosthetists
- (b) Orthotists
- (c) Prosthetic/Orthotic Technicians
- (d) Prosthetic/Orthotic support workers
- (e) Please indicate whether each figure relates to in-house or contracted staff.

Answer:

a.	8.29 inhouse
b.	14.2 inhouse
c.	15.4 inhouse
d.	0
e.	Inhouse

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. 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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