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Our Ref 11645

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ORTHOTICS SERVICE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the Orthotics Service.

Question:

No.	Question	Response Format
1	Does your Trust/Health Board currently have an orthotics service?	Yes / No
2	Does your Trust/Health Board provide bracing (chest brace and/or vacuum bell) for Pectus deformities?	Yes / No
3	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Does your service provide bracing for Pectus Carinatum , Pectus Excavatum , or both ?	Pectus Carinatum / Pectus Excavatum / Both / Not applicable
4	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Is the orthotics service responsible for the provision of the brace and/or vacuum bell?	Yes / No / Not applicable
5	If you answered No to Question 4: Which service is responsible for the provision of the brace and/or vacuum bell?	Free text / Not applicable
6	If you answered No to Question 2: Are there any plans for your Trust/Health Board to begin providing this service?	Yes / No / Not Applicable
7	Over the last 3 years, have you seen an increase in the number of referrals for bracing of Pectus conditions?	Yes / No / Don't know

Answer:

No.	Response Format
1	Yes
2	No

3	Not applicable
4	Not applicable
5	Not applicable : This is provided Nationally in Scotland and is provided by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Paeds service
6	No
7	No

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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