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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The English Diabetes Footcare Network is carrying out an England-wide audit. It follows policy-level discussions about the lack of a standard national nomenclature for podiatrists, and the need to equate a job title to the 'agenda for change' pay scale.

As such, the aim of this audit is to evaluate the grading bands of podiatry staff within hospital trusts and the titles associated with these bands, along with the prevalence of consultant podiatrists.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with answers to the attached questions under the Freedom of Information Act as soon as possible and no later than 20 working days after the date of receipt of the request.

- What are the grading bands of podiatry staff working in your Trust? Could you provide a breakdown of the numbers of podiatry staff within each band – both filled positions and the number of vacancies? **B8-B9**
- What are the titles associated with each band e.g. principal podiatrist, specialist podiatrist in wound care, advanced podiatrist, specialist vascular podiatrist, diabetes specialist podiatrist etc?
B8: Podiatric Registrar
B9: Podiatric consultant
- What is the grade of the manager overseeing the podiatry team and are they a podiatrist? **B9 Podiatric Consultant**
- Is there a consultant podiatrist in your Trust? If so, are they a Consultant in Podiatric Medicine or Consultant in Podiatric Surgery? **Podiatric Surgery**