

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

Please provide responses to each of the following questions. Where a question is not applicable to your organisation, please state "Not Applicable" and briefly explain why.

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

No

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

Yes

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?

Not applicable there is no Prosthetic service

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?

In-house

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

Yes

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

Not applicable there is no prosthetic service

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

Yes

No. Question Response Format

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?

Not applicable there is no 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?

Not applicable service is not contracted out

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.

Not applicable no Prosthetic service

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.

Not applicable not a contracted out service

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/or orthotic workforce pipeline.

Not applicable – trust workforce planning in place

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?

Yes, ESR data including orthotists are included in Model Hospital Data
please specify which returns -

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 **5.20WTE in-house staff.**
- (c) Prosthetic/Orthotic Technicians,
- (d) Prosthetic/Orthotic support workers **1.64 WTE in-house staff.**

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