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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 014590 – podiatry/orthotics

1. Does your organisation have its own podiatry orthotic insole manufacturing department or team?  
Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust does not have its own manufacturing department or team.

- o If yes, do they manufacture semi bespoke insoles utilising prefabricated shells as the base?
- o If a prefabricated device is used in semi bespoke work what is the device of choice?
- o If there is a manufacturing team what is the size of that team?
- o If you have a manufacturing department what equipment does the team have to aid in the manufacturing of Podiatry orthotic devices?

2. If your organisation does not manufacture orthotic insoles does the podiatry department have a tender or contract in place with an outside company for the provision of podiatry orthotic devices?  
The Podiatry Department does not currently have a direct tender or contract in place with an outside company, however there are plans to arrange one in the new Financial Year.

3. If the manufacturing of your devices is outsourced, what company currently supplies your devices?  
We currently use a number of different suppliers depending on the needs.

4. If there is a tender or contract in place, when does this tender come to an end?  
Please see answer to question 2

5. How many pairs of insoles are your patients entitled to on the NHS?  
All patients are entitled to one pair of Insoles/orthotics during any one episode of care.

6. Can you provide any information you have on quantities of bespoke, semi bespoke, simple/flatbed and off the shelf devices that have been prescribed in the financial years 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19 (so far)?  
16/17 & 17/18 - This information is not available.  
18/19 - 684 insoles/orthotics per year.

7. What has been the total spend on podiatry orthotic devices for the financial years 16/17, 17/18, 18/19 (so far)?  
For the years 16/17 and 17/18, during this period we had our own manufacturing lab and thus did not outsource any orthotics/insoles  
18/19 so far £12,500

8. What are the lead/turnaround times from your podiatry orthotic supplier, whether it is in house manufacturing or outsourced?  
This is variable from 10 working days to 6 weeks, depending on the specific insole/orthotic requested and the clinical need of the patient.