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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide responses to each of the following questions.

No.	Question	Response Format
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?	N/A
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?	Contracted to external
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)?	No
5b	If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Orthotic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)?	No

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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?	N/A
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?	No
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.	N/A
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.	N/A
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.	External provider will provide replacement staff if staff leave their post or will provide sick cover. New contract will go out to tender when appropriate in conjunction with contracts team
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?	Not known
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.	Numerical breakdown with in-house/contracted designation Prosthetics; 0.023wte (½ day per month) Orthotic; 1.wte - external 0.8wte CSW – Internal

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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