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Our Ref: TSD10364

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

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.

No.	Question	Response
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
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
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
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

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
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 as we have a contract workforce planning is covered by the contractor
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
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.	No
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.	We have actively requested that our contractor looks at the apprenticeship route to ensure an orthotic workforce pipeline but have not managed to succeed in successfully getting this 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, Waiting times

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.	The contracted orthotic service staffing establishment is: • 1 Orthotist: 0.9 WTE • 1 Practice Manager: 0.5 WTE • 1 Band 3 Administrator: 1.0 WTE • 1 Band 2 Administrator: 1.0 WTE
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team