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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Prosthetic and Orthotic Workforce Planning

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
<p>1. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission a Prosthetic service?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, is your Prosthetic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider?</li> <li>o In-house</li> <li>o Contracted</li> <li>o Mixed (please specify)</li> <li>o Not applicable</li> </ul>	No.			
<p>2. If your Prosthetic service is contracted out Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Prosthetic service?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes 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.</li> </ul>	N/A			
<p>3. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission an Orthotic service for patients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is your Orthotic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider?</li> <li>o In-house</li> <li>o Contracted</li> </ul>	Yes. It is an in-house service.			

<p>o Mixed (please specify) o Not applicable</p>				
<p>4. If your Orthotic service is contracted out does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Orthotic service? • If yes, 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.</p>	<p>N/A</p>			
<p>5. Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning analysis for your Allied Health Professional (AHP) workforce? • If yes, does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Prosthetic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)? o Yes o No o N/A • If yes, does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Orthotic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)? o Yes o No o N/A</p>	<p>Yes.  Yes, it includes orthotic services.</p>			

6. 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.	N/A			
7. 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			
8. 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.	4 WTE Orthotists (0.5 of which is management) 3.6 WTE Orthotic technicians.  All inhouse.			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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