



East Sussex Healthcare
NHS Trust

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I now set out our answers to your specific questions, within the attached document - 'FOI 26-137 Response'.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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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?	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?	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
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
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?	Not applicable
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.	Not applicable
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.	Not applicable
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?	We are unsure whether the data from our orthotic service is included within any workforce 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, (c) Prosthetic/Orthotic Technicians, (d) Prosthetic/Orthotic support workers (e) Please indicate whether each figure relates to in-house or contracted staff.	Orthotists 1.6 WTE Orthotic Support Workers 1.28 WTE All contracted