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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, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I am writing to request information regarding your Orthotic / Surgical Appliance Service. Please provide:

- 1) Whether your organisation provides an Orthotic and/or Surgical Appliance Service and if so at which site(s)?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust provides an Orthotic and Surgical Appliance Service, across 3 clinic sites:

Conquest Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
Eastbourne District General Hospital.
Uckfield Community Hospital.

- 2) The total number of patients seen by this service in each of the last 12 months (or most recent 12-month period available).**

2025 – Month	Number of Patients
June	251
July	244
August	232
September	261
October	192
November	234
December	143
2026 – Month	
January	209
February	180
March	231
April	239
May	167

3) **The number of days per week the service is routinely operated.**

The service is in operation 5 days per week.

4) **The Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staffing establishment for Administrative and Clerical (A&C) staff within the service.**

0.6 WTE.

5) **The Directorate or department under which this service sits.**

This service sits under the Community Health and Integrated Care Division.

6) a) **Whether the service treats adults, paediatrics, or both.**

The service treats both adults and paediatrics.

b) **If both, please provide the number of adult and paediatric patients seen in each of the last 12 months (or most recent 12-month period available).**

2025 – Month	Adult	Paediatrics	Grand Total
June	242	9	251
July	233	11	244
August	216	16	232
September	249	12	261
October	183	9	192
November	217	17	234
December	132	11	143
2026 – Month			
January	193	16	209
February	169	11	180
March	220	11	231
April	232	7	239
May	152	15	167
Grand Total	2438	145	2583

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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