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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:

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 Format
1	Does your Trust/Health Board currently have an <u>orthotics</u> service?	Yes.
2	Does your Trust/Health Board provide bracing (chest brace and/or vacuum bell) for <u>Pectus</u> deformities?	No.
3	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Does your service provide bracing for <u>Pectus Carinatum</u> , <u>Pectus Excavatum</u> , or <u>both</u> ?	Not applicable.
4	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Is the <u>orthotics service</u> responsible for the provision of the brace and/or vacuum bell?	Not applicable.
5	If you answered No to Question 4: Which service is responsible for the provision of the brace and/or vacuum bell?	Not applicable - this service is not provided by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.
6	If you answered No to Question 2: Are there any plans for your Trust/Health Board to begin providing this service?	No.
7	Over the last 3 years, have you seen an increase in the number of referrals for bracing of Pectus conditions?	No.

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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