

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-435**

1 September 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**We are trying to understand more about the provision of prosthetics and/or orthotics services in your trust.**

**Prosthetics and orthotics block contract / service agreement**

**Is the provision of your prosthetics and orthotics services covered by a block contract or service agreement?**

Prosthetics Block contract

Orthotics Service agreement

**If you have a block contract, what's the contract value/revenue and duration?**

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

**Who is the primary provider in your main block contract / service agreement for prosthetics and orthotics?**

Prosthetics Dacey LTD

Orthotics Blatchford

**Start date of main block contract / service agreement (DD/MM/YY)**

Prosthetics 01/04/2016

Orthotics 01/07/2016

**End date of main block contract / service agreement (DD/MM/YY) 31/03/2021**

**Contract extension date of the main block contract / service agreement (DD/MM/YY)**

Prosthetics 30/11/2022

Orthotics 01/07/2021

**How much did your trust spend annually on prosthetics and orthotics in 2018 (£)**

**How much did your trust spend annually on prosthetics and orthotics in 2019 (£)**

**How much did your trust spend annually on prosthetics and orthotics in 2020 (£)**

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**Patients provided with a prosthetic / orthotic in 2018 (#)**

Prosthetics 3125

Orthotics 985

**Patients provided with a prosthetic / orthotic in 2019 (#)**

Prosthetics 2984

Orthotics 1124

**Patients provided with a prosthetic / orthotic in 2020 (#)**

Prosthetics 1938

Orthotics 800

**When is the re-tendering date of your prosthetics and orthotics services outsourcing?**

Prosthetics Apr 2022

Orthotics Dec 2022

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be

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Yours sincerely

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