

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-476

6 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 hold some the information you are requesting

Orthotics

1. Finance

a. Does your trust/board provide a contracted orthotic service or a NHS in house service?

Service agreement and Block contract

b. If your service is run by a contractor:

i. please name them

Blatchford and Dacey LTD

ii. when did the current agreement start?

Blatchford 01/07/2016

Dacey LTD 01/04/2016

iii. What is the total value of the contract?

iv. Is the tender covering both service and product? Please state what it covers

v. How is your orthotics service commissioned? By Block contract? By local tariff? If you are on a local tariff how much does your Trust/ Health board get paid per contact?

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.

c. Please provide annual volumes of orders for the last 12 months for the following products

- i. **Stock paediatric Footwear**
- ii. **Modular adult Orthotic Footwear**
- iii. **Bespoke Orthotic Footwear**
- iv. **Orthotic Footwear repairs**
- v. **Moulded EVA Insoles**
- vi. **Plastic Heel cups**
- vii. **Carbon Fibre Insoles**
- viii. **Bespoke AFOs**

We do not hold this information

d. Can you give the breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your Orthotic PRODUCT annually for the last 5 years?

e. Can you give a breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your orthotic SERVICE excluding all NON-PAY items. annually for the last 5 years?

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2. Service provision

a. Please list the clinics providing orthotic services and for each of them

i. The number of orthotists utilised by the trust

3 regular Orthotist's

ii. Annual full cost of the service

We do not hold this information

b. Over the last five financial years, how many orthotics appointments were made for your entire service?

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Prosthetics

1. Finance

a. Does your trust/board provide a contracted prosthetic service or a NHS in house service?

No

- b. If your service is run by a contractor:**
- i. please name them**
 - ii. when did the current agreement start?**
 - iii. What is the total value of the contract?**
 - iv. Is the tender covering both service and product? Please state what it covers**
 - v. How is your prosthetics service commissioned? By Block contract? By local tariff?**
- If you are on a local tariff how much does your Trust/ Health board get paid per contact?**

Not applicable

- c. Please provide annual volumes of orders for the last 12 months for the following products**

- i. Upper limbs prosthetics**
- ii. Lower limbs prosthetics (excluding micro-processor-controlled limbs)**
- iii. Micro-processor-controlled lower limbs prosthetics**

Not applicable

- d. Can you give the breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your prosthetic PRODUCT annually for the last 5 years?**

Not applicable

- e. Can you give a breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your prosthetic SERVICE excluding all NON-PAY items.**

Not applicable

2. Service provision

- a. Please list the clinics providing prosthetic services and for each of them**

- i. The number of prosthetists utilised by the trust**
- ii. Annual full cost of the service**

Not applicable

- b. Over the last five financial years, how many prosthetic appointments were made for your entire service?**

Not applicable

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 contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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