



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-295

Date: 6th September 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st September 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Prosthetic and orthotic service provision. Please note that we have received this request from you four times but will only be responding once.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 My team and I are currently looking at orthotic and prosthetic service provision in the UK. We are making a Freedom of Information (FOI) request with a view to gain an understanding of the current NHS provision in the following topics.

1. Orthotics

a. Does your Trust/board provide a contracted orthotic service or a NHS in house service? If your service is run by a contractor

- i. please name them**
- ii. Is the tender covering both service and product? Please state what it covers**
- iii. How is your orthotics service commissioned? By Block contract? By local tariff?**

b. Please list the centres where you provide orthotic and prosthetic services

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

d. Can you give a breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your orthotic SERVICE excluding all NON-PAY items?

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding the request, but feel most of this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: FOI ref 259-2122

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

a. Does your Trust/board provide a	
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contracted orthotic service or a NHS in house service? If your service is run by a contractor	
i. please name them	Opcare Limited
ii. Is the tender covering both service and product? Please state what it covers	UHNM Block contract covers service only. Prosthetics/products are commissioned by CCG
iii. How is your orthotics service commissioned? By Block contract? By local tariff?	Block contract
b. Please list the centres where you provide orthotic and prosthetic services	Exemption 21 as detailed above
c. Can you give the breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your Orthotic PRODUCT annually for the last 5 years?	Exemption 21 as detailed above
d. Can you give a breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your orthotic SERVICE excluding all NON-PAY items.	Exemption 21 as detailed above

Q2 Prosthetics

a. Does your Trust/board provide a contracted prosthetic service or a NHS in house service? If your service is run by a contractor

iv. Please name them

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

vi. How is your orthotics service commissioned? By Block contract? By local tariff?

b. Please list the centres where you provide orthotic and prosthetic services

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

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

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a. Does your trust/board provide a contracted prosthetic service or a NHS in house service? If your service is run by a contractor	
iv. please name them	Exemption 21 as detailed above

v. Is the tender covering both service and product? Please state what it covers	Exemption 21 as detailed above
vi. How is your orthotics service commissioned? By Block contract? By local tariff?	Exemption 21 as detailed above
b. Please list the centres where you provide orthotic and prosthetic services Royal Stoke University Hospital	Exemption 21 as detailed above
c. Can you give the breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your Orthotic PRODUCT annually for the last 5 years?	Exemption 21 as detailed above
d. Can you give a breakdown of your financial performance versus budget for your orthotic SERVICE excluding all NON-PAY items.	Budget in 2017-2018 was £80,000 per annum. The contract 2015-2018 was with Blatchfords and was based on number of patients per annum of circa 522 patients at UHNM assuming each patient required 20 minute slot @ £51.19 per slot amounting to circa £27,000 per annum however in reality each patient had between 3-6 slots hence increase in budget to £80,000

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

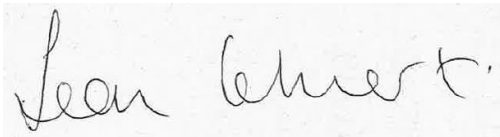
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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