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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

Please see below a Freedom of information request regarding prosthetic and orthotic services:

ORTHOTICS:

- 1. How many Orthotists work within your trust /centre (including those employed directly by the trust or private company), please indicate if full or part time?*
- 2. How many clinical assistants or limited practitioners work within the orthotics department, please indicate if full or part time?*
- 3. How many orthotic technicians work within the orthotics department. Please indicate if full or part time?*
- 4. Do you have a dedicated administration team for your orthotics department, if so how many administrators work within the department, please indicate if full or part time?*
- 5. Does your orthotics manager have a clinical background? If so what is their background: Orthotist, podiatrist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, other (please state).*
- 6. Please give details of the levels of experience each of your Orthotists have (in years) with their job title, e.g. senior Orthotist 7 years.*
- 7. Do you currently have any vacancies in your orthotic service? If so how many? (Please indicate if full or part time and temporary or permanent and title of job role)*
- 8. Does your service provide orthotic placements (including work experience), if so how many students have you had in 2017?*

The Orthotist service is provided by Bridgewater Community Health NHS Trust.

Please use the contact routes listed below:-

- e-mail using the Trusts FOI mailbox foi@bridgewater.nhs.uk
- by post to the following address:

Information Governance Team

Spencer House
Dewhurst Road
Birchwood
Warrington
WA3 7PG
Tel: 01925 867728

PROSTHETICS:

9. *How many prosthetists work within your trust/centre (including those employed directly by the trust or private company), please indicate if full or part time?*
10. *How many clinical assistants or limited practitioners work within the prosthetics department, please indicate if full or part time?*
11. *How many prosthetic technicians work within the prosthetics department. Please indicate if full or part time?*
12. *Do you have a dedicated administration team for your prosthetics department, if so how many administrators work within the department, please indicate if full or part time?*
13. *Does your prosthetics manager have a clinical background? If so what is their background: prosthetist, podiatrist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, other (please state).*
14. *Please give details of the levels of experience each of your prosthetists have (in years) with their job title, e.g. senior prosthetist 7 years.*
15. *Do you currently have any vacancies in your prosthetic service? If so how many? (Please indicate if full or part time and temporary or permanent and title of job role)*
16. *Does your service provide prosthetics placements (including work experience), if so how many students have you had in 2017?*

[We do not have a prosthetic service at the Trust.](#)

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF