

Reference:	FOI.12408.23
Subject:	Prosthetic and orthotic services
Date of Request:	10 August 2023

Requested:

Please provide the following information you have pertaining to prosthetic and orthotic services.

1. Does your Trust provide in-house prosthetic and / or orthotic services? Please specify if this is a combined prosthetics and orthotics service, or just prosthetics or orthotics.
 - a. If not, which organisation(s) currently provide prosthetic and orthotic services to your Trust? If multiple providers are used, please clarify what area / services each provider covers.
2. What is the total annual spend for the following years on:
 - a. prosthetics (products and services)
 - b. orthotics (products and services)
 - c. if this is not possible, please provide total spend on prosthetics and orthotics (products and services)

Note: if data is not available for all years or requested detail, please provide data that is available.

(If not relevant please state N/A)	2019 (year ending 31-Mar)	2020 (year ending 31-Mar)	2021 (year ending 31-Mar)	2022 (year ending 31-Mar)	2023 (year ending 31-Mar)
Prosthetics (products and services)					
Orthotics (products and services)					
Prosthetics and orthotics (products and services)					

3. Could you provide a breakdown of annual spend for the following years for:
 - a. prosthetic services
 - b. prosthetic products
 - c. orthotic products
 - d. orthotic services

Note: if data is not available for all years or requested detail, please provide data that is available.

(If not relevant please state N/A)	2019 (year ending 31-Mar)	2020 (year ending 31-Mar)	2021 (year ending 31-Mar)	2022 (year ending 31-Mar)	2023 (year ending 31-Mar)
Prosthetics products					

Prosthetics services					
Orthotics products					
Orthotics services					

If using a third-party provider, when did the current prosthetic and / or orthotic contract(s) start and what is the contract end date? Please include any information on contract extension.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for question 3 a to d, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the data separated as requested, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual trawl of its financial ledger, to identify the information that would fulfil this part of your request, as this data is not recorded separately.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds for below.

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has an orthotic service.

- a. The UHB does not have a prosthetic service. UHB patients are seen in the [Artificial Limb and Appliance Service](#) (ALAS) in Morriston Hospital, Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB).

2a.to c. The UHB provides, within the table below, the annual orthotic and prosthetic spend, for products and services, during the 2018/19 to 2022/23 financial years.

Financial year	Orthotic products and services	Prosthetic products and services	Total annual spend
2018/19	£4,722,039.00	£102,979.00	£4,825,018.00
2019/20	£4,082,640.00	£121,018.00	£4,203,658.00
2020/21	£2,884,411.00	£77,300.00	£2,961,711.00
2021/22	£2,520,265.11	£76,546.37	£2,596,811.48
2022/23	£2,673,060.92	£148,875.21	£2,821,936.13

3. A section 12 exemption has been applied.

4. The UHB confirms that the current orthotic contract commenced in June 2019 with an end date of May 2022, which has been extended to June 2024. The UHB does not have a contract for prosthetics, as per our response to question1a.