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Subject:	Prosthetic and Orthotic Services
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Request and response:

No.	Question	Response Format
1.	Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission a Prosthetic service?	No.
2.	Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission an Orthotic service for patients?	Yes.
3a.	If you answered Yes to Question 1: Is your Prosthetic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider?	Not applicable.
3b.	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Is your Orthotic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider?	The UHB confirms the service is delivered both in-house and contracted to an external provider.
4.	Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning analysis for your Allied Health Professional (AHP) workforce?	Yes.
5a.	If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Prosthetic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)?	Not applicable.
5b.	If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Orthotic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)?	No.
6a.	If your Prosthetic service is contracted out (as indicated in Question 3a): Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Prosthetic service?	Not applicable.
6b.	If your Orthotic service is contracted out (as indicated in Question 3b): Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Orthotic service?	No.
7a.	If you answered Yes to Question 6a: How does your Trust/Health Board collate workforce planning data from the contracted Prosthetic service provider? Please describe the process, including the frequency of data collection and what data is gathered.	Not applicable.
7b.	If you answered Yes to Question 6b: How does your Trust/Health Board collate workforce planning data from the contracted Orthotic service provider? Please describe the process, including the frequency of data collection and what data is gathered.	Not applicable.
8.	If your Trust/Health Board does not carry out workforce planning for its Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services (whether in-house or contracted), please explain what steps you are taking to secure the prosthetic and/orthotic workforce pipeline.	The UHB does not provide a Prosthetic service and therefore does not undertake workforce planning.

		<p>The UHB does not undertake workforce planning for its Orthotic services.</p> <p>However, within its Orthotic service, internal assessment and service evaluations relating to workforce planning are undertaken, to identify capacity needs ensuring sufficient staff cover.</p>
9.	Does your Trust/Health Board include data from its Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services (whether in-house or contracted) in any workforce returns submitted to NHS England, NHS Wales, NHS Scotland, or equivalent national workforce planning bodies?	No.
10.	Please provide the current whole time equivalent (WTE) staffing establishment for your Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services, broken down by: (a) Prosthetists, (b) Orthotists, (c) Prosthetic/Orthotic Technicians, (d) Prosthetic/Orthotic support workers (e) Please indicate whether each figure relates to in-house or contracted staff.	The UHB has 1.0 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) in house Orthotist and 0.6 WTE Orthotist who is contracted.