

Reference:	FOI.20887.26
Subject:	Provision of bracing services for Pectus deformities
Date of Request:	30 June 2026

Requested:

Please provide responses to each of the following questions. Where a question is not applicable to your organisation, please state "Not Applicable" and briefly explain why.

No.	Question	Response Format
1	Does your Trust/Health Board currently have an orthotics service?	Yes / No
2	Does your Trust/Health Board provide bracing (chest brace and/or vacuum bell) for Pectus deformities?	Yes / No
3	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Does your service provide bracing for Pectus Carinatum , Pectus Excavatum , or both ?	Pectus Carinatum / Pectus Excavatum / Both / Not applicable
4	If you answered Yes to Question 2: Is the orthotics service responsible for the provision of the brace and/or vacuum bell?	Yes / No / Not applicable
5	If you answered No to Question 4: Which service is responsible for the provision of the brace and/or vacuum bell?	Free text / Not applicable
6	If you answered No to Question 2: Are there any plans for your Trust/Health Board to begin providing this service?	Yes / No / Not Applicable
7	Over the last 3 years, have you seen an increase in the number of referrals for bracing of Pectus conditions?	Yes / No / Don't know

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it does have an Orthotics service.
2. The UHB confirms that it does provide bracing (chest brace and/or vacuum bell) for Pectus deformities.
3. The UHB confirms it provides bracing for Pectus Carinatum.
4. The UHB confirms that the Orthotics service is responsible for the provision of braces and/or vacuum bells.
5. Not applicable.
6. Not applicable.

7. The UHB confirms that it has not seen an increase in the number of referrals for the bracing of Pectus conditions over the past three years.