

Request title: Orthotic Services

Date of Response: 25th November 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the freedom of information act. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as soon as possible as I understand that under the act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

I would like to get the following information:

- What orthotics services are provided by the NHS in your jurisdiction (please include number of orthotics specialists)?

The Orthotic team (2.2 WTE senior Orthotists, 1.72 WTE Orthotists) mainly specialise in paediatrics, spinal, diabetes, adults with learning difficulties and foot and ankle, however, the following orthoses are supplied, as standard, from the Exeter Mobility Centre:

- Insoles
- Ankle Foot Orthoses (AFO's)
- Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses (KAFO's)
- Footwear
- Corsets
- Spinal Jackets
- Cervical Collars
- Knee Braces
- Hip Braces
- Ankle Braces

- Over the past five financial years how many orthotics patients were treated (please breakdown by year)?

2011/12	5,213
2012/13	6,106
2013/14	5,980
2014/15	6,006

- Over this time period how many orthotics patients suffered a delay in getting an appointment with an orthotics specialist (please breakdown by year)?

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- What was the average and maximum lengths of time patients were waiting to get an appointment?

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