

Freedom of Information request 614-23

Request

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					

4. 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

1. NHS Borders does not provide a prosthetic limb service, however it does supply / fit breast prostheses.
 - a. NHS Borders prosthetic limb provision is delivered via the Southeast Scotland Mobility & Rehabilitation Technology (SMART) Centre, NHS Lothian.
2. NHS Borders is unable to extract data to that level of detail on the electronic reporting system. The data may be held in paid invoices, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all invoices and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
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4. There is no start or end date, as this is an ongoing service provided by NHS Lothian and is not a private contract.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **614-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the

Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle,
Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.