

## Prosthetic & Orthotic Workforce

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

### Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

#### Section 1.

**1.1** Have you directly employed (i.e., directly pay the salary) for any prosthetists, orthotists, prosthetics and orthotics apprentices, prosthetic/orthotic support workers (a support worker works with registered staff to deliver service user care, this is different to admin only roles), prosthetic/orthotic technicians, and prosthetic/orthotic technician apprentices within the **last 5 years** (2017 to present)?

- Yes**
- No, we do not currently have, or have had a prosthetics or orthotics service at our Trust/Health Board for the last five years
- No, the prosthetic and/or orthotic service has been contracted to an external supplier for the past five years

**If the answer is "Yes" please answer section 2, and if the answer is "No" no further information is required.**

#### Section 2

**2.1** Over the past 5 years has your prosthetics or orthotics service been in-house or contracted to an external supplier?

Year	Prosthetic service			Orthotic service		
	No prosthetic service in the Trust/Health Board	In-house	Contracted	No orthotic service in the Trust/Health Board	In-house	Contracted
2017/18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2018/19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2019/20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2020/21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2021/22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
At present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.2 Which staff do you **currently** employ?

- Orthotist**
- Prosthetist**
- Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist
- Prosthetics and orthotics apprentice

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- Prosthetic support worker
- Orthotic support worker**
- Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist support worker

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- Orthotic technician**
- Prosthetic technician**
- Dual practicing prosthetic/orthotic technician
- Prosthetics and orthotics technician apprentice

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- We do not currently employ any of these staff groups

**2.3** How many staff do you currently employ? If you selected “We do not currently employ any of these staff groups” in the previous question, please skip to Q2.4.

<b>Staff group</b>	<b>Number of employees currently employed by your Trust/Health Board</b>	<b>Whole Time Equivalent</b>
Prosthetist	4	3.6
Orthotist	5	4.6
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist	0	n/a
Prosthetics and orthotics apprentice	n/a	n/a
Prosthetic support worker	n/a	n/a
Orthotic support worker	1	0.8
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist support worker	n/a	n/a
Prosthetic technician	4	4.0
Orthotic technician	7	6.8
Dual practicing prosthetic/orthotic technician	n/a	n/a
Prosthetics and orthotics technician apprentice	n/a	n/a

2.4 Please can you state the total number of prosthetic and orthotic staff who have been employed by your Trust/Health Board over the last five years (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022). Please state this per person and Whole Time Equivalent.

Staff group	Total number of staff employed by the Trust/Health Board					Whole Time Equivalent of staff employed by the Trust/Health Board				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Prosthetist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orthotist				0	0				0	0
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prosthetics and orthotics apprentice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prosthetic support worker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orthotic support worker	1?	1?	1?	0	0					0
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist support worker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prosthetic technician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orthotic technician				0	0				0	0
Dual practicing prosthetic/orthotic technician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prosthetics and orthotics technician apprentice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2.5 Do you currently have any vacancies in any of the above-named staff groups?

- Yes  
 **No (skip to Q2.8)**

2.6 If **yes**, how many vacancies do you have? **Not applicable**

Staff group	Number of vacancies	Whole Time Equivalent
Prosthetist		
Orthotist		
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist		
Prosthetics and orthotics apprentice		
Prosthetic support worker		
Orthotic support worker		
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist support worker		
Prosthetic technician		
Orthotic technician		
Dual practicing prosthetic/orthotic technician		
Prosthetics and orthotics technician apprentice		

2.7 Have you been unsuccessful in trying to fill these vacancies?

- Yes, we have previously advertised and not been able to successfully recruit
- No, we have not yet advertised the position(s), or the position is currently out for advert  
for the first time

**Not applicable**

**2.8** Please state how many vacancies you have advertised over the last five years (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022) for your prosthetic and orthotic workforce. Please state this per person and Whole Time Equivalent.

Staff group	Total number of vacancies					Whole Time Equivalent of staff vacancies				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Prosthetist										
Orthotist					1					1
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist										
Prosthetics and orthotics apprentice										
Prosthetic support worker										
Orthotic support worker										
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist support worker										
Prosthetic technician	1	2		1			1		1	
Orthotic technician		1					1			
Dual practicing prosthetic/orthotic technician										
Prosthetics and orthotics technician apprentice										

**2.9** Do you use international recruitment agencies to recruit your prosthetics and/or orthotics workforce?

- Yes  
 No

**2.10** Have any of your current prosthetics and/or orthotics workforce been recruited from overseas?

- Yes  
 No

**2.11** If **yes**, please state the number of current staff which have been recruited from overseas.

Staff group	Number of staff recruited from overseas

Prosthetist	
Orthotist	1
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist	
Prosthetics and orthotics apprentice	
Prosthetic support worker	
Orthotic support worker	
Dual practicing prosthetist/orthotist support worker	
Prosthetic technician	
Orthotic technician	
Dual practicing prosthetic/orthotic technician	
Prosthetics and orthotics technician apprentice	