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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 09/08/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. What is the name of your Trust?

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust (PHU).

2. Do you provide prosthetic and or orthotic services to your area?

The Trust does provide Prosthetic and Orthotic services.

3. If you provide both, please answer the following questions for each part of the service.

How are your services provided? Do you employ your own clinical staff or contract the service?

The Trust's Prosthetic and Orthotics services are contracted out to Steeper Ltd. Steeper provide the prosthetists, orthotists, technicians and administrators, all other staff including therapists, nursing support and consultants are provided by the Trust.

4. If contracted, what is the name of the company providing the service currently?

The company currently providing this service is Steeper Group.

5. How many clinicians are providing the service?

Ten Clinicians provide the service.

6. Do your prosthetic and orthotic services provide placements to students currently?

The Trust does provide student placements.

7. What universities do the students come from?

Students come from the University of Salford and the University of Strathclyde.

8. How often?

Throughout year, students come for placements in four month blocks.

9. How many practice placement educators are in place for these services?

The Trust does not have placement educators for these services.

10. As a Trust do you receive funding from Heath Education England for providing this placement?

No, the Trust does not receive funding from Heath Education England.

11. If your Trust receives funding, where does this money go?

Not applicable.

12. If the money does not go directly to the placement department, how is it utilised?

Not applicable.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

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Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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