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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5156**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 25th April 2022.

Your request was as follows:

Topic 1: Users of prosthetic knees

I.  How many prosthetic knees have been prescribed to patients in your trust in the last financial year?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not prescribe prosthetic knees to patients, therefore we cannot provide this information.

II.  How many prosthetic knees have been prescribed to patients in your trust in the four years preceding the last financial year?

N/A

III.  Please categorise answers to I and II by age group e.g., 'number of prosthetic knees prescribed to 0-4 years olds is 'x' in the last financial year'

a.  Suggested age ranges (in years old) are 0-4, 4-14, 14-18, 18+.

b.  If age ranges suggested in IIIa are not possible, please categorise by those aged under 14 years old and those older than 14 years old.

c.  If IIIb is not possible, please categorise by paediatric versus adult prosthetic knees.

N/A

Topic 2: Proxy measures to determine users of prosthetic knees

I.  How many lower limb amputations have taken place in your trust in the last financial year?

N/A

II.  How many lower limb amputations have taken place in your trust in the four years preceding the last financial year?

N/A

III.  Please categorise answers to I and II by age group e.g., 'number of lower limb amputations in 0-4 years olds is 'x' in the last financial year'

N/A

IV. Please categorise answers to I and II by level of amputation.

- a.  Suggested levels of amputation are 'transtibial', 'knee disarticulation', 'transfemoral', 'hip disarticulation'.
- b.  Please ensure that it is possible to determine level of amputation for any given age group within the response.

N/A

Topic 3: Revision surgeries

I.  How many of those in your trust who have had a lower limb amputation return for revision surgery at any point, in the last financial year?

N/A

II.  What is the duration between the first operation and the revision surgery?

- a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable

N/A

Topic 4: Prosthetic service engagement

I.  How long does a patient who is prescribed a prosthetic keep their device, before a newer one is prescribed?

- a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

N/A

II.  Please categorise answers to I by age group.

- a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.
- b.  Suggested approach to age ranges given in 'Topic 1: question III'.

N/A

III.  What are the most common reasons for a new knee prosthetic being prescribed for each age group?

N/A

IV.  How many knee prostheses does a child aged under 14 years old get prescribed in any one-year period, two-year period and five-year period.

- a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

N/A

V.  How many knee prostheses does an adult aged over 18 years old get prescribed in any one-year period, two-year

period and five-year period.

a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

N/A

VI.  How many individual knee prostheses are children prescribed at any one time by your NHS trust?

a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

N/A

VII.  How many individual knee prostheses are adults prescribed at any one time by your NHS trust?

a.  An average with justification and ranges is acceptable.

N/A

#### Topic 5: Prosthetic knee market data

I.  What are the most commonly prescribed prosthetic knee brands and models in adults (those users aged >18 years old).

a.  A ranking of the top 5 is acceptable.

b.  Please also provide number of units dispensed for each brand/model.

N/A

II.  What are the most commonly prescribed prosthetic knee brands and models in children (those users aged under 14 years old).

a.  A ranking of the top 5 is acceptable.

b.  Please also provide number of units dispensed for each brand/model.

N/A

#### Topic 6: Financial enquiries

I.  How much did your trust spend on prosthetic knees in the last financial year?

N/A

II.  How much did your trust spend on prosthetic knees in the four years preceding the last financial year?

N/A

III.  Please categorise answers to I and II by age group e.g., 'Total spend on prosthetic knees prescribed to 0-4 years olds is '£x.xx in the last financial year'

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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