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**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the foot protection team.

- 1. Does your trust operate a foot protection service, as recommended by NICE guideline NG19 on 'Diabetic foot problems: prevention and management'?*
- 2. If the answer to Q1 is yes, please state the number of podiatrists and orthotists employed within this service.*
- 3. If the answer to Q1 is yes, is this service led by a podiatrist with specialist training in diabetic foot problems, as recommended by NICE guideline NG19 on 'Diabetic foot problems: prevention and management'?*
- 4. If the answer to Q1 is no, please provide a reason for this.*

Please see the following table:

Question	Answer	Comments
1. Does your trust operate a foot protection service, as recommended by NICE	Yes	Team consists of Medical: diabetologists Surgical: vascular, orthopaedic Urgent inpatient facilities Antibiotic administration through ambulatory care Other medical staff including microbiologists available on site Diagnostic and interventional radiologists – accessible in the trust and also at St .Thomas & Medway

		Podiatrists and surgical podiatrists Diabetes specialist nurses Plaster room technicians – access available Orthotists Pharmacists – Accessible Physiotherapist- Accessible
2. Please state the number of podiatrists employed within this service	Maidstone – 1 Tunbridge wells - 1	
Please state the number of Orthotists employed within this service	Accessible in the community	
3. Is this service led by a podiatrist with specialist training	Yes	And also jointly with the diabetologist and the diabetic specialist nurse with a specialist interest in diabetic feet