

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I'm contacting you to learn more about **NHS Wheelchair Services** before and after Covid-19. If you could forward my request to your wheelchair service, I would greatly appreciate it.

I understand that some questions might be more subjective rather than factual questions. If it's not possible to answer these questions, feel free to ignore these.

1. How many Occupational Therapists worked in your Wheelchair service before March 16, 2020?
[2.5](#)
2. How many Rehab Engineers worked in your wheelchair service before March 16, 2020?
[0](#)
3. How many Occupational Therapists are working in your wheelchair service today? (September 29, 2020)
[2.5](#)
4. How many Rehab Engineers are working in your wheelchair service today (September 29, 2020)
[0](#)
5. Have you experienced an increase or reduction in graduates applying for positions as OTs or Rehab Engineers to your wheelchair service compared to before March 16, 2020?
[N/A – No vacancies](#)
6. Have you experienced growth or decrease in OTs resigning compared to before March 2020?
[No](#)
7. Have you experienced an increase or reduction in Rehab Engineers resigning compared to before March 2020?
[No](#)
8. Before March 16, 2020, how did you gain information about what products to prescribe to patients?
[Professional experience and communication/visits/events from suppliers and their Reps](#)

9. Today September 29, 2020, how do you gain information about what products to prescribe to the patient?
[As above but more virtual communication and less face to face contact with company Reps](#)

 10. Does your wheelchair service use more virtual communication today (September 29, 2020) compared to before March 16, 2020?
[Yes we have introduced Video appointments and increased use of email with clients](#)

 11. Is your service fully operational as before March 16, 2020?
[Yes](#)

 12. How does your wheelchair service gain information about new courses and training events?
[Emails from Suppliers and Reps](#)

 13. Is there a difference in what products you prescribe today (September 29, 2020) compared to before March 16 2020?
[No](#)
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