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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-K-022**

You asked:

Please ask the managers of your artificial limb services in your Health Board for this data.

1. Do they have access to an occupational therapist with skills to teach an amputee how to use a myoelectric hand?

Yes

2. How many amputees do they have who have consistently used a single grip myoelectric hand for the past 12 months?

The complex nature of any individual upper limb amputee require in-depth assessment along with trial period before issue of a medical prosthetic device. Outcome measures of a 'myoelectric' prosthetic hand issued take 18 months to collate. Therefore, continuous monitoring of the individual is undertaken along the rehabilitation pathway, therefore a total number at any point in time is not reflective of the actual position. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

However, we can inform you that there are 120 upper limb amputees of differing complexity out of a cohort of 1400 patients/service users in Swansea ALAS.

3. How many unilateral transtibial amputees, classified as A2 or K2 level mobility, born before 1/10/2004, who have attended the clinic or had a job done after 1/10/2020?

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However, we can inform you that there are approximately 800 transtibial amputees out of a cohort of 1400 patients/service users in Swansea ALAS.

4. How many unilateral transfemoral or knee disarticulation amputees, classified as A2 or K2 level mobility, born before 1/10/2004, who have attended the clinic or had a job done after 1/10/2020?

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However, we can inform you that there are approximately 400 transfemoral/knee disarticulation amputees out of a cohort of 1400 patients/service users in Swansea ALAS.

