

is intended to compliment not substitute existing policies and to support staff working within the prosthetic environment. It may also support Prosthetic and Orthotic MDT staff in discussing their specific service needs with their Trust. The interpretation and implementation of the guidance will vary in response to local conditions and constraints.

### **Method of development**

An initial working group of ten participants reviewed and developed six key areas of the prosthetic service. These key areas relate to the patient pathway, service delivery and workshop manufacture. The working group comprised representation from all professional gr

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<b>2.17</b>	Triage appointments (by appropriate clinician) that have been postponed, identify if an appointment is still required, routine or priority.
<b>2.18</b>	Consider the use of remote consultations where possible to reduce unnecessary clinic attendances and to signpost patients.
<b>2.19</b>	GP referrals may be required in the absence of a counsellor or psychologist.
<b>2.20</b>	Introduce a drop off and pick up service for mechanical repairs to reduce unnecessary centre visits and maintain postal deliveries where appropriate.
<b>2.21</b>	Examples of priority appointments (not listed in a particular order): Keyworkers as per the UK government definition Medical review of stump ulcer(s)





## Appendix A

### Further information, useful links

<b>Health &amp; Care Professions Council (HCPC)</b>	<a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/</a>
<b>Government (Gov.uk)</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control</a>
	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres</a>
	<a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/shielded-patient-list">https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/shielded-patient-list</a>
<b>The British Psychological Society</b>	<a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/professional">https://www.bps.org.uk/coronavirus-resources/professional</a>

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