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29/10/2020

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 181

#### **Response from Luton and Dunstable University Hospital**

**Rheumatology Podiatry stopped since April – resuming November 2020.**

**Diabetes Podiatry – acute/urgent podiatry has been maintained throughout with some reduction to non-acute provision between April-July 2020.**

Over the last six months, have in-person podiatry appointments/assessments offered by your NHS Trust been stopped at any point?

If they have been stopped, can you confirm whether in-person podiatry appointments/assessments have now resumed and in which month did they resume?

If not, do you anticipate in-person podiatry appointments/assessments to resume in the next three months?

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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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