



The British Association of
Prosthetics and Orthotics

TOP TEN SUSTAINABLE PRIORITIES IN P&O

One

Established on-site workshop facilities to enable immediate adjustments during patient visits, thereby reducing appointments and unnecessary travel.



Two

Sustainable materials management by reducing, reusing, and recycling packaging and components where clinically appropriate.



Three

Optimised use of digital platforms and telehealth services, e.g. e-referrals, virtual appointments, phone reviews and digital correspondence (DNA and outcome letters).



Four

Getting it Right-the-First-Time with product provision to reduce repeated hospital visits.



Five

Increased Orthotists/Prosthetists presence in acute settings for improved hospital flow and support earlier patient discharge.



Six

Implement digital scanning and 3D printing technologies to reduce environmental impact, manufacturing waste, and transportation costs compared to traditional manufacturing and shape capture methods.



Seven

Provide structured education for patients on the maintenance and repair of prosthetic and orthotic devices to extend product lifespan and reduce waste.



Eight

Facilitate early provision of appropriate interventions to promote earlier mobility and discharge.



Nine

Offer targeted training for P & Os on preventative healthcare measures, to reduce the risk of complications and surgical interventions.



Ten

Maintain appropriate fitting stock or consignment stock levels to enable the timely provision of devices.

