

FOI 2922

1st April 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

I would like to submit a request for data under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1) How many children are waiting for a first assessment for Speech and Language Therapy in the Southern Trust as of end of November 2023.

Response:

1273

- 2) How many children were waiting for a first assessment for SLT in the Southern Trust of end of November 2024.

Response:

643

- 3) How many children are currently on Review Waiting Lists for SLT as of the end of November 2023.

Response:

945

- 4) How many children were currently on Review Waiting Lists for SLT as of the end of November 2024

Response:

721

- 5) Does your trust provide Intensive Therapy consisting of a minimum of 2x 30 min sessions with an SLT/week for children with Speech Sound Disorder (SSD).

Response:

Southern HSC Trust provide this model of intensive therapy for children assessed as having the highest need in relation to their SSD, based on clinical

criteria. Children with SSD who do not meet these criteria do not receive the intensive model of intervention.

6) How many children with SSD are currently on the Review Waiting List as of the end of November 2024

Response:

There were 82 children with SSD who met criteria for the intensive model of intervention waiting at the end of November 2024.

It is not possible to provide the total number of children with SSD waiting for review at the end of Nov 2024 as this would require manual audit of all open cases to the service which would exceed 18 hours of time to complete.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

7) How many children with SSD were on the Review Waiting List as of the end of November 2023

Response:

It is not possible to provide the total number of children with SSD waiting for review at the end of Nov 2023 as this would require manual audit of all open cases to the service which would exceed 18 hours of time to complete.

73 children who met criteria were added to the Intensive model for SSD waiting list from 1st December 2022 to 31st November 2023.

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8) How much does it cost NHS to provide a 30 mins session of SLT

Response:



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The staff costs of providing a 30 minute session in 2024/25 from band 6-8a are detailed out below:

Band 6 wte	£14.54
Band 7 wte	£17.98
Band 8A wte	£20.97

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