

FOI 3001

20th March 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Question 1:

As of the date of this request, can you tell me how many children/young people within your trust catchment are registered as having a speech delay?

Please provide a breakdown by gender and age brackets.

Response:

As there is no register of children and young people with speech delay in the Southern HSC Trust catchment area it is not possible to provide these figures as this would involve a manual search of thousands of records. 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. In order, to obtain this information, it would take more than 18 hours which would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

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.

Question 2:

Can you also tell me how many people are registered as having a speech impediment/impairment within your trust catchment area?

Please provide me with a breakdown by gender and age brackets.

Response:

As there is no register of people with speech delay in the Southern HSC Trust catchment area it is not possible to provide these figures as this would involve a manual search of thousands of records. 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. In order, to obtain this information, it would take more than 18 hours which would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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