

FOI 3004

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

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**What is the status of appointments within the Audiology Department within the Southern Health & Social Care Trust, in the system by month logged, and what dates are planned to deal with those appointments in all areas of the Southern Health & Social Care Trust?**

**I am not interested in equipment or repair / maintenance issues just appointments requested for hearing.**

**Response:**

Current Wait Time for Appointment types  
Direct Referral - 744 days (106 weeks)  
Direct Reassess - 687 days (98 weeks)  
Hearing Aid Fitting New - 66 days (9 weeks)

On average each month over the past year we have seen the following amounts per Appointment Type  
Direct Referral - 62  
Direct Reassess - 60  
Hearing Aid Fitting New - 85

Southern Trust see a high level of review activity and ENT activity in Audiology as well as this new activity.

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