

FOI 1706

29th June 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. The **total numbers of referrals made to speech and language therapy by health visitors for all pre – school children, aged 0-4, in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023**. Please can this data be broken down by age and reason for referral, if available? Please can this include referrals made as part of both routine child health visiting reviews and any ad-hoc referrals outside of routine health visiting reviews.

age of child at referral	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0	7	22	12	0	<5	0
1	71	74	31	13	13	7
2	571	476	313	412	503	203
3	229	203	166	377	279	116
4	102	82	83	144	168	53

2. The number of **referrals** to speech and language therapy made by health visitors as part of the **two and a half year health review for children** in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Contact	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
2 YEAR REVIEW	534	458	312	695	683	285	2967

3. The *total numbers of children whose speech, language and communication was recorded as **observe as a part of two and a half year health review for children** in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.*

Contact	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
2 YEAR REVIEW	362	297	161	339	288	118	1565

4. The number of **referrals** to speech and language therapy made by health visitors as part of the **four-year record review for children** in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Referrals to services will not be carried out as part of a record review. However the number of children where it is recorded that they have been referred to speech and language when seen as part of a four year face to face is provided below:

Contact	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
4 YR REC REVIEW	42	28	13	47	36	6	172

5. The number of **referrals** to speech and language therapy made by **school nurses** as part of the **primary one health review for children** in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Please can this information be provided in the format of data tables including any explanation notes needed to understand the data and explanation of any codes used to identify the data? If any of the data requested is unavailable or incomplete please can you provide an explanation as to why this is the case?

age of child at referral	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4	13	14	<5	0	<5	0
5	44	70	7	7	24	39

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

If some information is not provided, this is due to not being centrally held and we consider that the cost of manually retrieving the information would be above the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12.

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 some of 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 and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

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