

FOI 1705

16th June 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. The total number of children waiting for speech and language therapy in your trust.

Below is the number of children waiting for speech & Language therapy [new children waiting – primary wait] as at 30/04/2023

Team	(1) 0-3 months	(2) 3-6 months	(3) 6-9 months	(4) 9-12 months	(5) 12 months +	Grand Total
SLT002 - SLT CHILDRENS COMI	445	457	401	259	137	1699
Grand Total	445	457	401	259	137	1699

2. The number of children waiting for community speech and language therapy services broken down by age for 2-year-olds, 3-year olds, 4-year-olds and 5-years-olds.

Total children [new waits] the number of children broken down by age at date of referral age for 2-year-olds, 3-year olds, 4-year-olds and 5-years-olds [new waiting list position as at 30/04/2023]

By child's age at referral	No
2	446
3	334
4	314
5	233
Grand Total	1327

3. The total number of children waiting more than 3 months, 6 months and 12 months? Please can this data be broken down by age?

Total children [new waits] the number of children by age at referral who are waiting more than 3 months [new waiting list position as at 30/04/2023]

By child's age at referral	(2) 3-6 months	(3) 6-9 months	(4) 9-12 months	(5) 12 months+
1	9	<5	0	<5
2	157	117	28	0
3	99	97	59	14
4	91	80	45	25
5	37	34	59	43
6	21	33	33	20
7	12	12	8	19
8	8	9	8	6
9	5	<5	8	<5
10	8	<5	<5	5
11	<5	5	<5	<5
12	<5	<5	<5	0
13	<5	<5	<5	0
14	<5	0	<5	0
15	<5	<5	0	0
Grand Total	457	401	259	137

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.

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