

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-867

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13th March 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Speech and Language Therapy

On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:

Are you referring to inpatient or outpatient data?

On the same day you replied via email with :  
*'I am referring to inpatient data.'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Please can you provide the following in the format of an Excel spreadsheet:**

**1. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list to receive speech and language therapy services.**

A1 Information not held - we do not have a waiting list for inpatient care. All referrals are triaged and prioritised and then assessed as the caseload allows, in line with workforce.

**Q2 A breakdown of the waiting list by age groups (0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-18 years, 18+ years) for the latest calendar year 2023.**

A2 We are an adult only service, MPFT provide the paediatric services. [foi@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@mpft.nhs.uk)

**Q3 A breakdown of the number of patients by age group waiting from referral to first appointment:**

- **0-1 weeks (0-7 days)**
- **1-2 weeks (8-14 days)**
- **2-4 weeks (15-28 days)**
- **4-12 weeks (29-84 days)**
- **12-18 weeks (85-126 days)**
- **18-52 weeks (127-364 days)**
- **Over 52 weeks (over 365days)**

A3 Information not held

**Q4 Historical data on the waiting list – the total number of patients waiting for speech and language services, a breakdown by age group and weeks waiting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 or the latest year for when records began.**

A4 Information not held

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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