

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-301

22 May 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

To formally request details of your Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) service to include: -

- **Number of inpatient beds within your Trust.**

1132 beds of which 156 are paediatrics.

- **Specialist SLT services provided by your Trust and age range(s) covered.**

Paediatric Services pre-term to 18 years, inpatients all trust specialities.

Preterm - 18, inpatients all trust specialities.

Outpatients – paediatric voice, videofluoroscopy, some ENT/Respiratory, some neuro rehab outpatients

Adult Services – 18 years plus inpatients all trust specialities and outpatients as required.

- **Number of patients seen in the past 12-months by each of your SLT specialist teams.**

Children's: Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

Adult team total contacts 9347 for year 22/23

- **Where relevant, waiting times for initial appointment, intervention and follow-ups for each of your specialist SLT services.**

Children's: Approximately 3-4 month wait for an outpatient videofluoroscopy appointment.

Adults: Wait time for initial appointment 7 weeks and 5 weeks follow up adult team.

• **Hierarchy within your SLT service with job titles, whole time equivalents within each area of specialism and job bandings.**

Please see the attached organisation structure documents.

• **Managerial hierarchy within your Trust and where Speech and Language Therapy sit within your structure.**

Please see the attached organisation structure documents.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

