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Date Received: 17th September 2025

Response Due: 15th October 2025

Date: 30th September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 17th September 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am writing with regard to speech and language therapists employed by the trust and their casework involving children, not adults.

- 1. Please tell me, in each of the last five calendar years, how many whole-time equivalents of qualified speech and language therapist posts were there within the children's speech and language therapy services within your trust? If numbers changed throughout the year, an average is fine.**

2020-21 = 16 therapists.

2021-22 = 15 therapists.

2022-23 = 10 therapists.

2023-24 = 15 therapists.

2024-25 = 16 therapists – moving to 17 from September 2025 (fully staffed).

- 2. Please tell me, in each of the last five calendar years, how many Early Years and school-age children referrals those speech and language therapists had to deal with.**

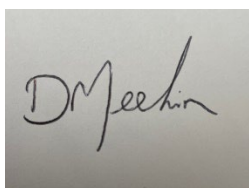
Referral numbers are split over several different caseloads depending on clinical needs. The below figures are for new referrals only and total caseload numbers.

Year	Pre School ASC	Pre School Complex Needs & Dysphagia	Routine (Pre School & School Age)	Social Communication	School Age Complex Needs & Dysphagia
2020/21	87	90	1560	371	40

2021/22	50	84	2079	373	64
2022/23	104	83	2183	253	46
2023/24	107	95	1572	504	41
2024/25	222	99	816	567	110

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Meekin,
Deputy Director of Operations and Performance – Community Division

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