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Date Received: 12th December 2023

Response Due: 12th January 2024

Date: 4th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. The total number of children on a waiting list for speech and language therapy as of 1st December 2023, and on the 1st December for each year, since 2010.**

Please see response at Question 4.

- 2. The total number of adults on a waiting list for speech and language therapy as of 1st December 2023, and on the 1st December for each year, since 2010.**

Please see response at Question 4.

- 3. The single longest number of days that an individual child spent on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

Please see response at Question 4.

- 4. The single longest number of days that an individual adult spent on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally.

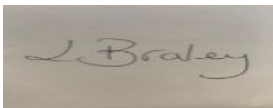
if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests. Also due to the scope and size of cohort of patients, the request would exceed the legal time frame of 18 hours.

Refusal Notice for question(s) - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

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,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature appears to read 'L. Braley'.

Lynne Braley
Director of Operations & Performance – Community Division

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111