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Date Received: 27th June 2024

Response Due: 25th July 2024

Date: 5th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 27th June 2024, 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:

1. The total number of children under the age of 5 (Compulsory School Age) on your waiting list for speech therapy (including all of those who are yet to receive more than one individual Speech and Language therapy session/assessment)

Routine Assessment = 203

Preschool SEND and Dysphagia = 15

Preschool ASC = 61

School age SENT and Dysphagia = 34

School age ASC Assessment = 5

Youth Justice Assessment = 0

2. What parents are required to do before receiving a block of speech therapy sessions (attend a course, etc.)

The Trust has no prerequisites for family prior to therapy input. If therapy interventions is deemed clinically appropriate, families are required to attend therapy appointments with their child to allow SLT to coach patients on how to complete the activities. As evidence shows that a child is more likely to make progress if home, nursery and school are also repeating therapy activities on a daily basis.

3. What support you provide for children for whom an AAC device is deemed appropriate

Families are required to opt in to say they are interested in having an AAC device when it has been identified that their child may benefit from one. When the device is ready, families are required to attend a group session to collect the device and have training on how to programme, ways to model, and use the device. Support is then individual to the family and setting depending upon how much support is needed to embed the use of the device and support the development of vocabulary on the

device. Ongoing reviews of vocabulary, equipment and use happen until child/YP family and setting feel confident and at this point only equipment will be reviewed.

4. How many speech and language therapists (full time equivalent) and how many young people under the age of 18 under your service

Band 7 = 4.0 + 0.8 WTE Team Leader

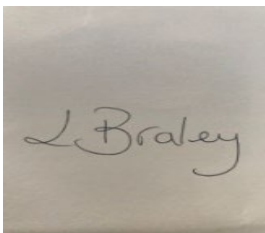
Band 6 = 6.1 WTE

Band 5 = 5.8 WTE

There are currently 3,010 young people under the age of 18 under this service.

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 photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "L Braley".

Lynne Braley
Director of Operations & Performance – Community Division

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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, Wroughton, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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