

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning commissioned to provide a speech therapy service.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. Is the trust commissioned to provide a speech therapy service for children who stammer?

The Trust does not have a specific speech therapy service commissioned for stammer but the Trust has a stammering pathway as part of the core of the service. 13 cases a year are funded by commissioners to receive treatment from a specialist centre – The Michael Palin Centre. Based upon priority (complex / severity / response to treatment). Service will work with all referrals initially and make the decision to refer on above criteria.

2. If so, what is:

- the age range?
- the current waiting time from referral to assessment?
- the current waiting time from assessment to first appointment?
- and the current number of children on the waiting list for assessment and first appointment?
- What does your speech therapy service consist of for children who stammer?

A named therapist holds the lead for this clinical area (as with any other). There are three 'fluency links' (one in each locality) with 0.1 wte week each, prioritising children under 7yrs. The school link may also see children in school. For children over 7 years, the school link SLT picks up cases within the primary school offer. For children over 11 years, there is a dedicated 0.1 wte across the service (commissioned by individual schools) and children may also be seen in school.

98% of all referrals are seen within 5 weeks (other 2% usually parent choice). Specific advice, hence start of treatment is immediate.

A training session is planned within the next whole service CPD day.

3. Is the trust commissioned to provide a speech therapy service for adults who stammer?

No

4. If so, what is: the age range?; the current waiting time from referral to assessment?; the current waiting time from assessment to first appointment?; and the current number of adults on the waiting list for assessment and first appointment? What does your speech therapy consist for adults who stammer?

N/A

5. Does the trust have any plans in the current financial year or longer term to introduce / reduce / expand speech therapy services for children / adults who stammer?

No

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