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Dear

FOI-0224-730

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on the 14th February 2024. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the community health services for speech and language.

Please can you provide the following in the format of an Excel spreadsheet:

- 1. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list to receive speech and language therapy services?**
- 2. A breakdown of the waiting list by age groups (0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-18 years, 18+ years) for the latest calendar year 2023?**
- 3. A breakdown of the number of patients by age group waiting from referral to first appointment:**
 - 0-1 weeks (0-7 days)**
 - 1-2 weeks (8-14 days)**
 - 2-4 weeks (15-28 days)**
 - 4-12 weeks (29-84 days)**
 - 12-18 weeks (85-126 days)**
 - 18-52 weeks (127-364 days)**
 - Over 52 weeks (over 365 days)**

4. Historical data on the waiting list – the total number of patients waiting for speech and language services, a breakdown by age group and weeks waiting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 or the latest year for when records began?

Please be advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SSOT) ICB do not provide speech and language services, therefore we do not hold this information.

Speech and Language Services for residents of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are provided by Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT). To request this information please contact MPFT directly as below:

Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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