

Information Governance

15th June 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51366

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Speech and Language Therapy**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 1 June 2023.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Nursing, Primary Care & Older Peoples Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Manager (Interim)

Q1. The total numbers of children waiting for speech and language therapy in your trust.

A1. The total number of children waiting for speech and language therapy assessment in the Trust is 432.

Q2. The number of children waiting for community speech and language therapy services broken down by age for 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds.

A2. Please see Table 1 for the number of children waiting for speech & language therapy assessments.

Table 1

Age	No. of Children
2 Years	116
3 Years	82
4 Years	86
5 Years	59

Q3. The total number of children waiting more than 3 months, 6 months and 12 months? Please can this data be broken down by age?

A3. Please see Table 2 for the number of children waiting more than 3, 6 and 12 months.

Table 2

Age	<3 Months	>3 months & <6 Months	>12 Months	Total
2 Years	74	42	Nil	116
3 Years	56	26	Nil	82
4 Years	54	32	Nil	86
5 Years	40	19	Nil	59