Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-269

Date: 29th August 2023

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Speech and Language Therapy.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1   Do you offer speech and language therapy services for children and young people who stammer? If so, what is the age range for this service?

A1   Information not held by UHNM. Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this and they can be contacted at the following email address: foi@mpft.nhs.uk

Q2   Do you have a specialist dysfluency therapist or dedicated dysfluency pathway? If so, how many therapists are there and what is the process for being put on the dysfluency pathway?

A2   As answer 1

Q3   What types of therapy approaches do your speech and language therapy service offer to children and young people who stammer?

A3   As answer 1

Q4   What is the geographical/local authority area that your speech and language therapy services for children and young people who stammer cover? (e.g. postcodes/boroughs)

A4   As answer 1

Q5   How are children and young people who stammer referred to the speech and language therapy service, and what is the referral criteria?

A5   As answer 1

Q6 **What is the average waiting time for children and young people who stammer who are referred to the SLT service?**

A6 As answer 1

Q7 **What is the average period/block of intervention for children and young people who stammer accessing your service? (e.g. once a week for six weeks)**

A7 As answer 1

Q8 **Which Integrated Care System are your speech and language therapy services in?**

A8 Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care System

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

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