

Ref No. FOI/1920/SG8032

Date: 29 April 2019

REQUEST: Please could you provide us with the following information:

1. Do you provide a specialist service for children who stammer in your trust?

This includes information about the structure of the Speech & Language Therapy service provided and whether there are specialist services available specifically to children who stammer, e.g. dysfluency pathways and/or specialist Speech & Language Therapists.

2. What age range does your service cover?
3. Does your service have any other specified exclusion criteria?
4. What geographical population does this cover?
5. Number of referrals made to the service for children suspected of presenting with a stammer over the last year (January 2018 - January 2019)
6. Number of children seen as part of the dysfluency service in the last year (January 2018 - January 2019)

OUR RESPONSE: From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000, currently £450, as we do not centrally record the information being requested and would need to check every patient's record to locate and retrieve the information being requested. However, rather than refusing your request in its entirety and in an effort to be helpful, we are providing information where it is reasonable to do so.

I refer also to your previous Freedom of Information request REF: FOI/1819/SG7741 received 01 January 2019, to which a response was sent 16 January.

1. to 3 incl. This information is exempt under S21, as it is publicly available on our website. We provide a Speech and Language service, details of which can be found on our website at:
<https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/OurServicesAZ-SpeechandLanguageTherapy-ForChildrenandYoungPeople.aspx>

However, in an effort to be helpful, please find attached a copy of our referral guidelines.

4. This information is exempt under S21, as it is publicly available on our website at:
<https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/Aboutus.aspx>
5. At present our electronic patient record does not capture the exact referral by reason of stammer. In the requested period, our Speech and Language service accepted a total of 3,843 referrals. The British stammering association suggests a national prevalence of 1 in 20 referrals.
6. Currently we do not record the category of clinical need following referral. This process is under review and we anticipate that these figures will be available for 2019/20.