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Date FOI response: 5th June 2024

REQUEST & OUR RESPONSE:

) How many children receive face to face 1 to 1 occupational therapy under the NHS in Leicester?
a) within the last 12 months?

OUR RESPONSE: 318 for financial year 2022/2023.

b) within the last 24 months?

OUR RESPONSE: 905 for financial year 2023/2024.

2) How many children receiving face to face 1 to 1 occupational therapy are?

a) under 5 years old?

OUR RESPONSE:

Age Under 5 years	Financial year 2022/2023	Financial year 2023/2024
Number of children seen	60	237

b) between 5-10 years old?

OUR RESPONSE:

Age 5 – 10 years	Financial year 2022/2023	Financial year 2023/2024
Number of children seen	145	392

c) between 10-15 years old?

OUR RESPONSE:

Age 11 – 15 years	Financial year 2022/2023	Financial year 2023/2024
Number of children seen	71	209

) How many children with autism receive face to face 1 to 1 therapy?

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 as provision is determined by need not diagnosis. This would therefore require a manual review of patient records to determine.

4) How many occupational therapist within the service are sensory integration trained?

OUR RESPONSE: All Occupational Therapists consider sensory needs as part of their overall assessment of function and are skilled in offering advice and incorporating strategies into their treatment approach around this area. The focus of this is to improve functional skills. If this is in reference to Ayres Sensory Integration, no therapist is level 4 trained in this specific approach.

5) How many children with sensory difficulties receive face to face 1 to 1 therapy?

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 at 5 above. However, we can advise that the service is commissioned for the assessment and treatment of children with functional needs which are out of line with their learning level. Children receive therapy input based on their functional needs. Some of these children may have sensory needs as part of their overall picture.

6) How many children have sensory diets reviewed as part of an EHCP by your service? **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 at 5 above. However, we can advise that Occupational Therapy input is based on functional need. Should sensory needs be relevant in relation to functional impact. Our Occupational Therapist may support schools and parents in developing their own sensory strategy and provide advice on incorporating it into daily life to manage their own sensory needs in order to support development of functional skills