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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 13th March 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

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 365days)
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.

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is not commissioned to provide Speech and Language Therapy.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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