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Dear Lucy

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 26th June 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:

- 1) The total number of children under the age of 5 (Compulsory School Age) on your waiting list for speech therapy (including all of those who are yet to receive more than one individual Speech and Language therapy session/ assessment)
- 2) What parents are required to do before receiving a block of speech therapy sessions (attend a course, etc.)
- 3) What support you provide for children for whom an AAC device is deemed appropriate
- 4) How many speech and language therapists (full time equivalent) and how many young people under the age of 18 under your service.

The Trust does not hold the information requested. The Trust does not have a specific Speech and Language team, the service is provided via a Service Line Agreement by Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/>

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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