

Please contact: Access to Information Team

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**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-3866-SHTW**

Thank you for your request dated 14 February 2024.

We can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information you requested.

Please find your questions below:

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.

**Please redirect your request to the following providers as they may hold the information required:**

- <https://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/make-an-enquiry/>
- <https://www.rjah.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi-contact-us/>
- <https://www.shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk/foi>
- <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within 40 working days from the date this response was issued.

**To request an internal review**

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or by post to Leyland House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely