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I am responding to your request for information received 24 October 2020 which you clarified on 26 October 2020. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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Request:

Hello, I'd like to know the answer to the following question as part of a Freedom of Information Request:

Question 1. What is the current caseload/number of individuals currently receiving support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust?

Can this be broken down into age ranges? (e.g: Early Years, Primary School Age, Secondary Age, Post 16 etc or your preferred method to measure this in?)

Answer: Please see the table below:

| Age Range | Total Caseload |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Early Years | 1085 |
| Post 16 | 55 |
| Primary School Age | 1500 |
| Secondary School Age | 325 |
| Adults | 330 |

Question 2. What has been the annual caseload/number of individuals receiving support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust for each of the last 5 years from 2015-2020? Can this be broken down into the age ranges stated above?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Year | Age Range | Total Caseload |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2015 | Early Years | 1798 |
| | Post 16 | 131 |
| | Primary School Age | 1792 |
| | Secondary School Age | 551 |
| | Adults | 1826 |
| 2016 | Early Years | 1978 |
| | Post 16 | 144 |
| | Primary School Age | 1848 |
| | Secondary School Age | 576 |
| | Adults | 1697 |
| 2017 | Early Years | 2213 |
| | Post 16 | 138 |
| | Primary School Age | 1870 |
| | Secondary School Age | 540 |
| | Adults | 1971 |
| 2018 | Early Years | 1873 |
| | Post 16 | 141 |
| | Primary School Age | 1911 |
| | Secondary School Age | 633 |
| | Adults | 1974 |
| 2019 | Early Years | 1923 |

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| Year | Age Range | Total Caseload |
|------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Post 16 | 141 |
| | Primary School Age | 1911 |
| | Secondary School Age | 594 |
| | Adults | 1844 |
| 2020 | Early Years | 1730 |
| | Post 16 | 104 |
| | Primary School Age | 1573 |
| | Secondary School Age | 473 |
| | Adults | 1766 |

Question 3. What is the current average waiting time to access support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust, following first referral?

Answer: The current average waiting time is 103 days for children and 24 days for adults.

Question 4. How many individuals are currently waiting to access support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust, following first referral? Can this be broken down into age ranges?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Age Range | Total Patient Waiting |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Early Years | 449 |
| Post 16 | 0 |
| Primary School Age | 98 |
| Secondary School Age | 49 |
| Adults | 139 |

Question 5. How many individuals are currently employed to work in the Speech and Language Therapy Service by your Trust? How many of these roles are Speech and Language Therapists?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Position Title | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| Assistant Speech & Language Therapist Band 4 | 2 |
| Clinical Lead Band 8a | 1 |
| Deputy Manager Band 8a | 1 |
| Highly Specialist S< Band 7 | 1 |
| Principal S&L Therapist Band 8a | 1 |
| Principal Speech & Language Therapist Band 8a | 1 |
| Senior Speech & Language Therapist Band 8a | 3 |

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| Position Title | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| SL&T Support Practitioner Band 3 | 1 |
| Specialist S< Band 6 | 2 |
| Speech & Language Therapist Band 5 | 9 |
| Speech & Language Therapist Band 6 | 25 |
| Speech & Language Therapist Band 7 | 14 |
| Speech and Language Therapist Band 5 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 63 |

Question 6. How much has your Trust annually on providing speech and language services, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020.

Clarification: How much has East London NHS Foundation Trust spent on speech and language therapy services in each of the last 2 financial years? So can you provide separate figures for 2018-9 & 2019-20?

Answer: Please see the table below for the Trusts Speech & Language Therapy Expenditure.

| Financial year | Expenditure (£) |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 2018/2019 | 2,201,284 |
| 2019/2020 | 1,596,675 |

Question 7. What is the overall annual spend for all services provided by your Trust, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020. Can this be broken down into service area?

Answer: Please see table below:

| Financial Year | Service Area | Annual Spend (£) |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2018-2019 | Community Health | 80,931,142 |
| | Mental Health | 222,390,753 |
| 2019-2020 | Community Health | 86,045,295 |
| | Mental Health | 245,363,663 |

Question 8. How much has your Trust received in funding from Central Government for speech and language services, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020

Answer: The Trust does not receive funding from central government. A range of services are commissioned by the CCGs on a block contract basis. i.e. there is no specific funding identified for SLT.

Question 9. How much has your Trust received in annual funding from Central Government for all services, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020. Can this be broken down into service area?

Answer: The Trust does not receive funding from central government. A range of services are commissioned by the CCGs on a block contract basis.

The information can be obtained through reviewing the Trust's audited accounts about funding and services provided:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/uploads/files/1/About/Publications/ELFT_Full-Annual-Report-and-Accounts-2018-19_WEB.pdf

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