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I am responding to your request for information received 18th October 2022. I am sincerely 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,



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Request:

Question 1: How many Speech and Language therapists work for your organisations on a pro rata basis - this can be a full number or defined by hours per week

Answer: Tower Hamlets Community Health Service – none

Newham Community Health Service - budgeted for 9.95 WTE or £373 hrs per week. The head count is currently 13 Speech & Language Therapists

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Health Service – 5.1 WTE Permanent and 0.6 WTE Fixed term contract

Question 2: How many children/adults are currently identified as having SLT needs in the area you serve?

Answer: Newham Community Health Service - 104 currently on the caseload.

Bedfordshire Community Health Service only provides Adult SLT. A total of 1001 adults are identified as having SLT needs in Bedfordshire (674 adults currently in the service with 327 referral awaiting assessment).

Question 3: How long is the average wait for SLT assessment?

Answer: In Bedfordshire Community Health Service the average wait is 11.76 weeks.

Following a triage assessment, patients are seen face to face within 3 days or 10 days if there is a SLT keyworker. Patients with dysphagia if they are prioritised are seen within 5 days. 8 Weeks for stroke/neuro communication/routine dysphagia and some would wait for further intervention (e.g. communication waiting list)

Some patients are seen for a SLT assessment (e.g. dysphagia in Single Point of Entry) and some are seen for a triage assessment (e.g. triage or face to face triage)

In Newham Adult SLT, the average wait time is 8 weeks.



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