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I am responding to your request for information received 27 July 2023. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

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Request: I am writing from the charity, Action for Stammering Children, to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Question 1: Do you have a specialist dysfluency therapist or dedicated dysfluency pathway?

Answer: Yes

a. If so, how many therapists are there and what is the process for being put on the dysfluency pathway?

Answer: The Trust currently has fourteen therapists.

All referrals are initially triaged by the clinical lead. If the referral indicates dysfluency, the child will be allocated to a therapist the dysfluency pathway. If the referral does not suggest dysfluency, the child will be put on a pathway for general speech and language assessment and intervention. However, if following that assessment the therapist identifies dysfluency, the child is immediately moved to the dysfluency pathway.

Question 2: What types of therapy approaches do your speech and language therapy service offer to children and young people who stammer?

Answer: Michael Palin PCI and Lidcombe approaches.

Question 3: What is the average waiting time for children and young people who stammer who are referred to the SLT service?

Answer: The average waiting time is 22 weeks.

Question 4: What is the average period/block of intervention for children and young people who stammer accessing your service? (e.g. once a week for six weeks)

Answer: A six week block; sessions are either weekly or fortnightly.

Question 5: Which Integrated Care System are your speech and language therapy services in?

Answer: North East London ICS.



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