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I am responding to your request for information received 4 April 2024. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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Request:

Question 1: What is the current waiting list for children and young people in the East London Foundation Trust area awaiting speech and language therapy for the past year (up to and including April 4 2024)?

Please break this down by age group where possible (this could be primary/secondary)

Answer: Please see table below:

Speech and Language Therapy waiting lists for children and young people for past year up to 4 April 2024. *				
Age	0-5 years	6-11 years	12-18 years	Total
Number currently on waiting list	458	109	24	591

*Please note: Only NHS funded clients have been taken into consideration when responding to this FOI.

Question 2: How many therapists are employed by the speech and language therapy service for children and young people in the East London Foundation Trust? Please provide these numbers for 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of therapists
2021	69
2022	73
2023	82
April 2024 (Up to and including 04/04/2024)	98

Question 3: Please provide numbers of people and working time equivalent broken down by year (end date for snapshot of numbers April 4 each year)

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of people	Working time equivalent (hours)
2021	6378	5839.49
2022	6712	6173.07
2023	7158	6584.76
2024 (Up to and including 04/04/2024)	7903	7257.65

Question 4: How many people are on the caseload for the service across the years of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in the East London Foundation Trust?

Please provide numbers of children and young people, broken down by year (end date for snapshot of numbers April 4 each year)

Answer: Please see table below:



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Year ending	Caseload snapshot – Number of children and young people
31/03/2021*	1656
31/03/2022*	1651
31/03/2023*	1394
31/03/2024*	1595

*The Trust can only provide a snapshot of children and young people on the caseload at the end of each financial year (31 March each year).

Question 5: How many children and young people in the East London Foundation Trust area are currently receiving speech and language therapy as of April 4 2024?

Answer: As 4 April 2024, a total of 921 children and young people were receiving speech and language therapy within the Trust.

Question 6: How many SLT sessions were offered in the years of 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024 in the East London Foundation Trust area?

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Number of SLT appointment sessions offered by ELFT
2021/22	5530
2022/23	6708
2023/24 (Up to and including 04/04/2024)	12656



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