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I am responding to your request for information received 17 September 2025. 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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Chief Executive Officer: Lorraine Sunduza

Chair: Eileen Taylor

Request: I am writing with regard to speech and language therapists employed by the trust and their casework involving children, not adults.

Question 1: Please tell me, in each of the last five calendar years, how many wholetime equivalents of qualified speech and language therapist posts were there within the children's speech and language therapy services within your trust? If numbers changed throughout the year, an average is fine.

Answer: Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Total whole-time equivalent (WTE) for qualified speech and language therapists in children's speech and language therapy services
2020	36.58 WTE
2021	34.40 WTE.
2022	32.59 WTE.
2023	39.29 WTE.
2024	49.58 WTE.
2025	43.93 WTE (as of 31 August 2025).

Question 2: Please tell me, in each of the last five calendar years, how many Early Years and school-age children referrals those speech and language therapists had to deal with.

Answer: Please see table below:

Calendar Year	Total number of early years and child referrals to speech and language therapy services.
2020	1307
2021	2314
2022	2354
2023	2837
2024	3594

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