

FOI_1022_2022-23 – FOI Request Concerning – Speech and Language Therapy Provision for Children in the Community

1. What is the w.t.e of the whole speech and language therapy (SLT) Paediatric service

Speech & Language Therapy Assistant - B3	9.31
Speech & Language Therapy Assistant - B4	1.00
Speech Therapist - B5	8.20
Speech Therapist - B6	33.55
Speech Therapist - B7	17.24
Speech Therapist - B8A	1.80
Grand Total	71.10

2. Have you ever offered an enhanced (sometimes called traded) service for children's SLT services in the community? (By 'enhanced' we mean a service that can be purchased in addition to that which is provided as part of what is commonly referred to as your 'core offer')

Yes

a) Has this service ceased to operate- if so what was the cause of this?

n/a

b) Do you currently operate an enhanced service?

Yes

If your answer to 2b) is yes please continue ...

3. What was the reasoning and anticipated outcomes in setting up the enhanced service?

To provide more tailored, more bespoke support for requests and needs which sit outside of the core offer.

To be reactive to community partners' needs and to offer coproduced and agreed support where required.

5. The structure of the enhanced service:

a) Are there some staff who work exclusively in the enhanced service?

Yes

b) If so what w.t.e ?

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c) Are the staff working exclusively in the enhanced service on permanent or temporary contracts?

N/A

d) Do some staff work in both the regular and enhanced services?

Yes

e) Which bands of staff work in the enhanced service? (e.g. 4/5/6/7/8)

Band 6 / Band 7 and we have used Band 3 previously for training / demonstration purposes

6. Do staff working in both regular and enhanced services have the same terms and conditions?

Yes

7. Do you have any marketing/ publicity/ information regarding the enhanced service? If yes please provide us with a copy or sign post us to it on your website.

No

8. How do you balance demand with capacity in the enhanced service? E.g. if demand for the enhanced service reduces, are staff absorbed back into the regular service?

No, the time for enhanced services is ringfenced and protected.

9. Commissioning and contracting arrangements:

a) How long are your contracts with settings (please tell us minimum and maximum length of contracts available)?

b) How do settings pay for the service? For example, do they pay on delivery or in advance?

In advance.

c) How do you cover staff absence? For example, long term sickness and mater

If there is any maternity or sickness in enhanced services, we prioritise this to try and maintain as much capacity as possible.