

FOI_1604_2023-24 – FOI Request concerning Speech and Language Therapy

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the community health services for speech and language.

Please can you provide the following in the format of an Excel spreadsheet:

1. **The total number of patients currently on the waiting list to receive speech and language therapy services.**
 - a) Children - 1871
 - b) Adults Service - 866

2. **A breakdown of the waiting list by age groups (0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-18 years, 18+ years) for the latest calendar year 2023.**

Age Group	Referrals
0-5 years	3774
6-10 years	579
11-15 years	161
16-18 years	32
18+ years	1181
Unknown	39

3. **A breakdown of the number of patients by age group waiting from referral to first appointment:**
 - a) **0-1 weeks (0-7 days)**
Children – 274
Adults - 96
 - b) **1-2 weeks (8-14 days)**
Children – 24
Adults - 54
 - c) **2-4 weeks (15-28 days)**
Children – 80
Adults - 136
 - d) **4-12 weeks (29-84 days)**
Children – 389
Adults - 380
 - e) **12-18 weeks (85-126 days)**
Children – 726
Adults - 176
 - f) **18-52 weeks (127-364 days)**
Children – 2458
Adults - 514

g) Over 52 weeks (over 365days)

Children – 175

Adults - 11

4. Historical data on the waiting list:

a) The total number of patients waiting for speech and language services:

2019 – 6453

2020 – 5278

2021 – 6704

2022 – 6448

b) A breakdown by age group and weeks waiting for 2019, 2020 and 2021:

2019

0-1 weeks (0-7 days)

Children – 124

Adults - 275

1-2 weeks (8-14 days)

Children – 104

Adults - 166

2-4 weeks (15-28 days)

Children – 398

Adults - 231

4-12 weeks (29-84 days)

Children – 1558

Adults - 848

12-18 weeks (85-126 days)

Children – 253

Adults - 357

18-52 weeks (127-364 days)

Children – 365

Adults - 121

Over 52 weeks (over 365days)

Children – 0

Adults – 0

2020

0-1 weeks (0-7 days)

Children – 427

Adults - 360

1-2 weeks (8-14 days)

Children – 128

Adults - 177

2-4 weeks (15-28 days)

Children – 235

Adults - 246

4-12 weeks (29-84 days)

Children – 1387

Adults - 410

12-18 weeks (85-126 days)

Children – 703

Adults - 240

18-52 weeks (127-364 days)

Children – 513

Adults – 168

Over 52 weeks (over 365days)

Children – 8

Adults – 2

2021

0-1 weeks (0-7 days)

Children – 273

Adults - 270

1-2 weeks (8-14 days)

Children – 101

Adults - 275

2-4 weeks (15-28 days)

Children – 263

Adults - 234

4-12 weeks (29-84 days)

Children – 476

Adults - 368

12-18 weeks (85-126 days)

Children – 550

Adults - 150

18-52 weeks (127-364 days)

Children – 1119

Adults - 295

Over 52 weeks (over 365days)

Children – 18

Adults – 11