Information Requested:

1. What is the current caseload/number of individuals currently receiving support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust? Can this be broken down into age ranges? (e.g: Early Years, Primary School Age, Secondary Age, Post 16 etc or your preferred method to measure this in?)
   - Early Years – 847
   - Primary School – 755
   - Secondary Age – 59
   - Post 16 – 9
   - 18+ (Adult Community) – 437
   - 18+ (LD Community) - 6

2. What has been the annual caseload/number of individuals receiving support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust for each of the last 5 years from 2015-2020? Can this be broken down into the age ranges stated above?
   - 2015-16 – 2614
   - 2016-17 – 2706
   - 2017-18 – 2755
   - 2018-19 – 3044
   - 2019-20 – 3069

3. What is the current average waiting time to access support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust, following first referral?
   - Children’s Speech and Language Therapy Service
     Referral to first treatment currently 29 days
   - Adult Community Speech and Language Therapy Service
     Referral to first treatment currently 25 days
   - Learning Disability Speech and Language Therapy Service
     The Trust does not have a waiting list for dysphagia referrals as they are classed as priority and are seen straight away
4. How many individuals are currently waiting to access support for Speech and Language provided by your Trust, following first referral? Can this be broken down into age ranges?

- Early Years – 76
- Primary School – 31
- Secondary Age – 5
- Post 16 – 0
- 18+ (Adult) - 95 waiting for initial assessment

5. How many individuals are currently employed to work in the Speech and Language Therapy Service by the your Trust? How many of these roles are Speech and Language Therapists?

Total Staff in Service – 59
Total qualified Speech & Language Therapists - 43

6. How much has your Trust annually on providing speech and language services, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020?

2018/19 - £1.96m
2019/20 data is not yet available. The Trust hopes this information will be available by approximately January 2021

7. What is the overall annual spend for all services provided by your Trust, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020. Can this be broken down into service area?

The spend for 2018/19 was £287m. The Trust believes that a breakdown of these costs by service area is publicly available from the National Costs Collection website and therefore is applying Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

However in an effort to be helpful the link to the National Costs collection website is https://www.england.nhs.uk/national-cost-collection/

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8. How much has your Trust received in funding from Central Government for speech and language services, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020?

The majority of the Trust’s funding from Central Government for 2018/19 and 2019/20 is received through block contracts and cannot be unbundled

9. How much has your Trust received in annual funding from Central Government for all services, in each of the last 2 years from 2018-2020. Can this be broken down into service area?

2018/19 - £289,442k
2019/20 - £301,312k

Please note that this cannot be segregated into service area as most of the income is received through block contracts
Applied Exemption:

Section 21 (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
   
   (a) Information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
   
   (b) Information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority’s publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT’s Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link https://eput.nhs.uk