

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

To better understand how your trust deals with audiology services, please clarify whether your Community Trust provides these services:

- a. In-house (i.e. delivered in your NHS Community Trust or provided by another NHS organisation)
- b. Outsourced (i.e. delivered by an independent provider in their care setting)
- c. Insourced (i.e. delivered by an independent provider in your care setting)

Additionally, please provide the following data for your Community Trust and for each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24:
Hearing assessments

1. How many patients had a hearing assessment within the following settings and what was the total spending in £ on treating these patients (where possible please could you give the data per independent provider contracted):
 - a. In-house
 - b. Outsourced
 - c. Insourced

Hearing aid fittings

1. How many patients had a hearing aid fitting assessment within the following settings and what was the total spending in £ on treating these patients (where possible please could you give the data per independent provider contracted):
 - a. In-house
 - b. Outsourced
 - c. Insourced

Hearing aid aftercare

1. How many patients had hearing aid aftercare performed within the following settings and what was the total spending in £ on treating these patients (where possible please could you give the data per independent provider contracted):
 - a. In-house
 - b. Outsourced
 - c. Insourced

Hearing aid devices

1. How many hearing aid devices were delivered to patients within the following settings and what was the total spend £ on hearing aid devices for these patients in (where possible please could you give the data per independent provider contracted):
 - a. In-house
 - b. Outsourced
 - c. Insourced

Other

1. Could you please provide a copy of the service specification given to all bidders for when the contract for hearing aid services was last advertised?
If any of the specific splits are not available, please provide total figures for the system and specify which main splits are recorded by your Trust (in-house / independent sector).

Response:

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is a Mental Health, Learning Disability and Community Services Trust and does not offer these services.

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