

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1) the total number of children under the age of 5 (Compulsory School Age) on your waiting list for speech therapy (including all of those who are yet to receive more than one individual Speech and Lanugage therapy session/assessment)  
There are 119 open RTTs under 5 years old.
- 2) what parents are required to do before receiving a block of speech therapy sessions (attend a course, etc.)  
To attend an assessment appointment and agree joint targets with SLT, to commit to attending proposed session(s) and practice work given between each session and to notify the service if an appointment cannot be made. No requirement to attend any courses prior to the offer of indirect/direct input if deemed clinically appropriate by SLT.
- 3) what support you provide for children for whom an AAC device is deemed appropriate  
To attend an assessment appointment and agree joint targets with SLT, to commit to attending proposed session(s) and practice work given between each session and to notify the service if an appointment cannot be made. No requirement to attend any courses prior to the offer of indirect/direct input if deemed clinically appropriate by SLT.
- 4) how many speech and language therapists (full time equivalent) and how many young people under the age of 18 under your service
  - a. SLT's - 13.46 wte for the clinic based service  
3.85 wte for ABS delivery so in total across the clinic based and ABS services  
17.31 wte (bands 5 - 8)
  - b. There are 2374 young people under the age of 18 under our service.

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