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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72533

I refer to your email of 14 February 2024 requesting information in relation to waiting times for Speech and Language Therapy services.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. Please see further details below:

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.**
- 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.**
- 3. A breakdown of the number of patients by age group waiting from referral to first appointment:**
 - 0-1 weeks (0-7 days)**
 - 1-2 weeks (8-14 days)**
 - 2-4 weeks (15-28 days)**
 - 4-12 weeks (29-84 days)**
 - 12-18 weeks (85-126 days)**
 - 18-52 weeks (127-364 days)**
 - Over 52 weeks (over 365days)**

4. Historical data on the waiting list – the total number of patients waiting for speech and language services, a breakdown by age group and weeks waiting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 or the latest year for when records began.

This information is not held by the ICB. I would recommend you contact [Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust](#) directly for the information you require.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
1st Floor, St John's House
East Street
Leicester
LE1 6NB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB**