

February 2012

*Under The Freedom of Information Act, I would like to kindly request the following information from you.*

*Up to and including 28th February 2012, please provide me with the following information re: paediatric speech and language therapy (SLT) waiting times:*

*Please consult records as far back in time as necessary so as to include all children currently on SLT waiting lists.*

**A.** *Between referral to your SLT service, and the completion of an assessment by a member of the SLT team, please provide details of:*

- 1. The overall number of children (under 18 years old) currently waiting to be assessed*
- 2. The total number of children (under 18) who have been waiting between 0-9 weeks*
- 3. The total number of children (under 18) who have been waiting between 10-18 weeks*
- 4. The total number of children (under 18) who have been waiting between 19-36 weeks*
- 5. The total number of children (under 18) who have been waiting over 36 weeks*
- 6. The total number of children (under 18), if any, who are waiting for assessment but are not included in categories A2-A5 for any reason*

**B.** *Between an assessment being completed, and the first SLT session taking place (in cases where SLT has been assessed as necessary for a child), please provide details of:*

The hospital does not employ a Paediatric Speech and Language Service (SLT).

The Paediatric SLT service is provided by South East Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT). Should you wish to contact them this is their website <http://www.sept.nhs.uk/Our-Services/About-Us.aspx>.