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Thank you for your request concerning Speech and Language Therapy.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- 1. We would be interested to know if you have Speech and Language Therapy within mental health services (working with communication) in your area. If so, what does this provision look like (e.g. number of staff, whole time equivalents, banding etc)?**

No we do not have our own SLT staff in our mental health services. We have a small number of sessions on an SLA with neighbouring Trusts (0.6 wte).

- 2. If Speech and Language Therapy is in place to support communication and interaction, it would be helpful to know what the nature of the role is e.g. consultation, training, direct work with service users, running groups etc. and any particular strategies that are in place.**

Direct work mainly focussed on dysphagia.

- 3. We would also be interested if you are aware of what could improve regarding the role of Speech and Language Therapy within mental health in your area (in relation to communication and interaction).**

The Trust seeks to provide the highest possible quality care - we use data, feedback from staff and service users, and professional expertise to continuously improve our services".

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

