

Reference:	FOI.15095.24
Subject:	Speech and Language Therapy (S<) services
Date of Request:	20 August 2024

Requested:

I would like to request the information detailed in the attached document – ‘SLT services FOI’. The FOI is in relation to speech and language therapy services and is broken down into children and adults.

If possible, could you return the information using the attached excel template? It contains all the questions, so should be clear.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the requested information and is withholding the details for questions 4 and 5 in Sections C and D. This decision has been made as it is not within the reasonable expectations of these individuals that their personal data would be put into the public domain. This information is classed as personal data of a third party.

Therefore, these details are being withheld in accordance with the exemptions set out in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), and by virtue of section 40(3)(a) of the FoIA, which permits a public authority to withhold details pertaining to identifiable information and personal data other than the requestor’s where the disclosure would breach Data Protection principles.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides the accessible information it holds, within the excel spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.