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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to speech therapy for patients with Parkinson's Disease.

- *How much of your budget in monetary and percentage terms is allocated to support for Parkinson's?*
- *Do you provide speech therapy within your Parkinson's services?*
- *If so, how much of your budget in monetary and percentage terms was allocated to speech therapy services in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015?*
- *How regularly do Parkinson's patients have access to NHS funded speech therapy?*
- *How many Parkinson's patients have you treated on average over the past five years?*
- *How many speech therapists do you provide funding for? Has this number increased or decreased in the past five years?*

I understand that our Speech and Language Therapy (S+LT) Clinical Manager has responded directly regarding your request. To confirm Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells (MTW) NHS Trust does not provide routine Out-patient S+LT Services, as these are provided in the community by Kent Community Health NHS Trust at various locations across Kent.

We (S+LT within MTW) do provide a videofluoroscopy Out-patient service for patients with swallowing disorders, some of whom will also have Parkinson's Disease.

MTW S+LT Team also provides an inpatient S+LT service to all patients with swallowing disorders, including to those with Parkinson's Disease. However, this is limited to assessment, advice and management of their disorders and does not at this stage include any rehabilitation to any of the patients, including those with Parkinson's Disease.