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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 Therapies.

You asked:

Speech & Language Therapy

- 1. Does the NHS trust have contracts with Kent County Council for SLT input in its schools?*
 - 2. What is the cost per hour of SLT input provided to Kent County Council?*
 - 3. How many hours of SLT input does the NHS trust provide to Kent County Council per week?*
 - 4. How many of these hours are currently utilised?*
 - 5. Of the utilised hours, how many of those are used for direct therapy, and how many for indirect input such as report writing and preparing / attending Annual Review meetings etc?*
 - 6. Is there capacity within the current NHS Trust's SLT team to provide further hours to Kent County Council's schools?*
 - 7. Is there currently capacity within the NHS Trust's SLT team to provide a direct weekly session of SLT input to a student within school, in addition to the team's current demands?*
 - 8. What input does the NHS Trust put into The Lenham School?*
 - 9. Do the Trust's paediatric SLTs attend The Lenham School?*
- For the academic years:*
- a. 2021/22;*
 - b. 2022/23;*
- 10. How often have the Trust's SLTs visited The Lenham School?*
 - 11. How many therapy hours are provided each week to The Lenham School by qualified SLTs?*
 - 12. How many pupils at The Lenham School are on the qualified SLT's caseloads?*

Occupational Therapy

13. Does the NHS trust have contracts with Kent County Council for OT input in its schools?

14. What is the cost per hour of the OT input that is provided to Kent County Council?

15. How many hours of OT input does the NHS trust provide to Kent County Council per week?

16. How many of these hours are currently utilised?

17. Of the utilised hours, how many of those are used for direct therapy, and how many for indirect input such as report writing and preparing / attending Annual Review meetings etc?

18. Is there currently capacity within the NHS Trust's OT team to provide further hours to Kent County Council's schools?

19. Is there currently capacity within the NHS Trust's OT team to provide a direct weekly session of OT input to a student within school, in addition to the team's current demands?

20. What input does the NHS Trust put into The Lenham School? Do the Trust's paediatric OTs attend The Lenham School?

For the academic years:

a. 2021/22;

b. 2022/23;

21. How often have the Trust's OTs visited The Lenham School?

22. How many therapy hours are provided each week to The Lenham School by qualified OTs?

23. How many pupils at The Lenham School are on the qualified OT's caseload?

General

24. Are any therapy posts i.e. SLT, OT specifically allocated to The Lenham School?

25. Is the provision of therapeutic input at The Lenham School currently affected by staff vacancies, long term sickness, or maternity leave?

26. What locum cover is provided?

Please give details.

27. What training has been provided by the NHS Trust at The Lenham School in the last 3 years?

28. Is further training scheduled for the current and next academic years (2023/24 and 2024/25)?

Please give details including what training covered, staff attendance levels, any resulting qualifications.

29. How often are programmes of activities, designed and monitored by therapists, updated?

Trust response:

No. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not provide this service. We would suggest that this is forwarded to Kent Community Health Foundation Trust as they provide these children's services.

All remaining questions are not applicable.