



FOI REF: 21/410

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please can you tell me whether your trust completes FEES (fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing) assessments within the speech and language therapy department?

Yes, both inpatients and outpatients.

If so, on average, how many inpatient FEES assessments are completed per year and how many outpatient assessments are completed per year?

Outpatients - 2 per week in swallow disorder clinic, was 3 prior to Covid but due to down time between patients this is now only 2 so approximately 90 per year.

Inpatients - ad-hoc as required, approximately 100 per year.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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