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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012759 – Speech therapy

1. How much of your budget in monetary and percentage terms is allocated to support for Parkinson's?

Unable to provide as is one service with speech & Language.

2. Do you provide speech therapy within your Parkinson's services?

Yes. Both the acute and community Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Service specification includes a service to patients with Parkinson's Disease.

3. 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?

Budget is a whole for speech therapy and Parkinsons, not service specific.

4. How regularly do Parkinson's patients have access to NHS funded speech therapy?

The frequency that a patient receives input varies as it is dependent upon patient /clinical need.

5. How many Parkinson's patients have you treated on average over the past five years?

The average number of SLT contacts for Parkinson's patients over a 5 year period equates to approx. 2420.

6. How many speech therapists do you provide funding for? Has this number increased or decreased in the past five years?

We currently have funding for 9.92 wte SLT staff within the Acute Team and 6.49 wte for community. This establishment has not changed significantly over the past 5 years, however, the skill mix is constantly reviewed to ensure the service meets changing demands. Overall the establishment has remained fairly stable.