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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4822

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 21st July 2021.

Your request was as follows:

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

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

Yes here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust our speech and language therapy department do complete FEES assessments. On average there are 61 assessment per year for in patients, however this decreased last year as we stopped assessments during the first wave of the pandemic. We don't do out-patient assessments.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4822 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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