

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to respond to your request [REDACTED] [REDACTED] April 2016. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

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

There is no ring fenced funding for Parkinson's. It is contained within a wider specialty budget.

**- Do you provide speech therapy within your Parkinson's services?**

No there is no specific S&LT within the Parkinson's Services for outpatients. If the Consultants or Specialist nurses have any concerns, referrals will be made to Community S&LT.

**- 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?**

Nil

**- How regularly do Parkinson's patients have access to NHS funded speech therapy?**

The S&LT service within OUHT mostly see inpatients (only outpatient clinics are for Head & Neck Cancer and Voice).

As inpatients the Parkinson's patients have, the same access to NHS funded speech therapy as any other patient. They will be seen as they have an acute illness affecting their swallowing or communication rather than because of Parkinson's. Any patient requiring ongoing S&LT interventions for swallowing or communication are transferred to the Community team.

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

Data isn't collected on a disease basis but via speciality – that will depend what has brought the Parkinson's patient into hospital e.g. trauma, stroke, acute general medicine, neurology.

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

For the OUHT there are approx. 17wte in the S&LT department. This number has increased in the past five years.

Please note that on 1 November 2011 the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) merged with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (NOC) to form the

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). Our response reflects these changes. Therefore, we consider that Oxford University Hospitals Trust has released to you all of the information that it holds in relation to your request.

Internal review

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██████████ Director of Assurance, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU.

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Yours sincerely,

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