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From: Commercial
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Subject: Physiotherapy Services

REQUEST

I am researching the provision of physiotherapy services by the NHS in England. Please can you provide the following information where available under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1- The number of patients on the waiting list for an appointment with a physiotherapist at the year-end 31st March in each year between 2006 and 2016.
- 2- The average waiting time for a physiotherapist appointment in each financial year from 2006 to 2016.

The following 2 additional requests are secondary to the above, and if they result in too great an administrative burden or result in a high cost of research then please ignore and focus on points 1 and 2.

- 3- Annual expenditure on physiotherapy in the trust each year from 2006 to 2016.

If any of the information requested above in points 1-4 is available monthly, then please could you also supply this. If not, annual figures will be adequate. Additionally, if similar information, though in a slightly different format to that specified (eg by calendar year rather than financial year), is available then please provide this in lieu of the information requested. Where possible, if this information could be presented in an excel file, that would be greatly appreciated.

RESPONSE

The information requested in the FOI request ref330230816 with regard to

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- 2- The average waiting time for a physiotherapist appointment in each financial year from 2006 to 2016.

is not routinely collected or collated by therapy services within STHK.

Waiting lists are not routinely kept; outpatients are appointed as they are referred and RTT and at present waiting times for RTT vary between specialities with the longest wait at approximately four weeks but we do not hold historic data.

- 3- Annual expenditure on physiotherapy in the trust each year from 2006 to 2016.

Question 3

Prior to October 2014 services were provided externally as part of a block contract by another NHS provider.
 We have not got access to profession specific expenditure values pre October 2014.

Month	Amount
Oct-14	147,569
Nov-14	152,019
Dec-14	161,026
Jan-15	160,935
Feb-15	153,661
Mar-15	150,314
Apr-15	141,273
May-15	155,001
Jun-15	162,946
Jul-15	174,670
Aug-15	165,005
Sep-15	182,548
Oct-15	182,455
Nov-15	182,901
Dec-15	192,878
Jan-16	198,414
Feb-16	199,438
Mar-16	220,254
Apr-16	196,633
May-16	188,732
Jun-16	193,623
Jul-16	186,148
Aug-16	200,114