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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI453640188

Thank you for your request for information relating to Occupational Therapy.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about your Occupational Therapy services and assessments. Please provide the information by completing the attached questionnaire.

1. Name of Local Authority

2. Number of FTE Occupational Therapists (OTs) employed or engaged by the Local Authority to carry out assessments under the Care Act or strength-based assessments?

3. Number of FTE Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs), Trusted Assessors (TAs), or similar employed or engaged by the Local Authority to carry our assessments under the Care Act or strength-based assessment?

2019/20

2020/21

2021/22

4. Number of assessments carried out per year by staff from questions 2 & 3

5. Number of assessments (from question 4) identifying equipment or minor adaptations per year

6. Number of assessments (from question 4) identifying major adaptations for referral for a

DFG per year
As of 31/03/20
As of 31/03/21
As of 31/03/22

- 7. Number of people on a waiting list for an assessment by an OT/OTA/TA**
- 8. Please list/describe the types of adaptations that can be recommended by an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)**
- 9. Please list/describe the types of adaptations that can be recommended by a Trusted Assessor (TA)**
- 10. What is your current mean average waiting time length for an assessment by an OT/OTA/TA. If you have a priority system, please indicate mean average wait for each priority**
- 11. What is the percentage of assessments made by an OT/OTA/TA recommending a DFG that are taken to a panel meeting or similar**
- 12. Can private/independent occupational therapists (or other assessors), refer directly for a DFG without need for further social care assessment?**

Please see the attached document.

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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Occupational Therapy Assessments

We're interested in the number of staff employed to carry out occupational therapy type assessments, how many they do and how they are managed.

The information will be used as part of new guidance on the assessment process.

1. Name of Local Authority	Coventry		
2. Number of FTE Occupational Therapists (OTs) employed or engaged by the Local Authority to carry out assessments under the Care Act or strength-based assessments?	45		
3. Number of FTE Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs), Trusted Assessors (TAs), or similar employed or engaged by the Local Authority to carry our assessments under the Care Act or strength-based assessment?	17		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
4. Number of assessments carried out per year by staff from questions 2 & 3	3,169	4,052	4,526
5. Number of assessments (from question 4) identifying equipment or minor adaptations per year	2970	1992	1166
6. Number of assessments (from question 4) identifying major adaptations for referral for a DFG per year	446	377	386
	As of 31/03/20	As of 31/03/21	As of 31/03/22
7. Number of people on a waiting list for an assessment by an OT/OTA/TA	N/A*	N/A*	*No waiting list as cases allocated as soon as they come in.
8. Please list/describe the types of adaptations that can be recommended by an Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)	Minor aids and adaptations – grab rails, bathing equipment, raisers, ramps, bathroom adaptations		
9. Please list/describe the types of adaptations that can be recommended by a Trusted Assessor (TA)	Depends on their training. Some Social Workers can order, eg, toileting equipment. Manual Handling assessors can order equipment related to this.		
10. What is your current mean average waiting time length for an assessment by an OT/OTA/TA. If you have a priority system, please indicate mean average wait for each priority	Approximately 4 weeks.		
11. What is the percentage of assessments made by an OT/OTA/TA recommending a DFG that are taken to a panel meeting or similar	Not known precisely but is very small, 5% or less.		
12. Can private/independent occupational therapists (or other assessors), refer directly for a DFG without need for further social care assessment?	No		