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Request:

1. Number of hours of EHCP OT provision commissioned annually
2. Number of hours of EHCP OT provision that is unfulfilled at this current moment
3. Number of children waiting for OT assessments to form their EHCP
4. What proportion of your organisation's annual requirement for EHCP OT provision is delivered by an outsource independent provider?
5. If you commission an independent provider to deliver the OT element of EHCPs' on your behalf, please can you advise what commissioning mechanism you use:
 - a. Through frameworks
 - b. Direct relationships
 - c. Preferred Supplier lists
 - d. Other (please elaborate)
6. Where is your framework published?
7. Who are your current Paediatric preferred suppliers for providing EHCP OT provisions
 - a. Name of supplier
 - b. Cost per assessment
 - c. Cost per treatment session
 - d. Travel and mileage costs
8. Do you have a ceiling price for commissioning occupational therapy EHCP OT provision?
9. If yes, please give indicate costs for:
 - a. Cost per assessment
 - b. Cost per treatment session
 - c. Travel and mileage costs
10. Who is the main contact/team responsible for EHCP provision and allocation of therapy?
 - a. Name
 - b. Job title
 - c. Email
 - d. Telephone number

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Response:

1. The mainstream, and our maintained special schools don't commission the OT service to fulfil the requirements in a child's or young person's EHCP. There is a jointly commissioned OT service, commissioned by the Local Authority and ICB, and the ICB are the lead for the service, that meets the OT requirements within an EHCP. It would take too much time to disaggregate the number of OT hours within all of our EHCPs.

Some children and young people attending independent special schools and colleges would receive an OT service outside of the OT service described above, but that is part of a wider package, and usually commissioned or directly delivered by the school/ college. There may be individual agreements that have been arranged in certain circumstances, including through personal budgets.

2. Please see above. The Authority are not aware of any individual situations where OT provision described in a plan is unfulfilled.
3. As a Local Authority we are not waiting for any OT assessments to inform the education health and care assessment or review process.
4. We cannot provide this due to the factors mentioned in answer 1.
5. Not applicable
6. Not applicable
7. Not applicable
8. Not applicable
9. Not applicable. If OT is not provided as part of a wider school offer it may be provided by the OT service or through a personal budget or one off payment and decisions are taken on a case by case basis taking account of value for money, waiting times and parental preference.

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