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Subject: FEES (fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing) assessments within the speech and language therapy department

Q1 Please can you tell me whether your trust completes FEES (fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing) assessments within the speech and language therapy department?

A1 Yes, our Speech and Language Therapy team complete FEES assessments.

Q2 If so, on average, how many inpatient FEES assessments are completed per year and how many outpatient assessments are completed per year?

A2 Information not held - The FEES service has been running since October 2019. During 2020, this was paused for 4 months due to the pandemic, with nasendoscopy assessments considered to be an Aerosol Generating Procedure. For this reason, we cannot provide a full year's data.

Since starting the FEES service, we have completed a total of 138 FEES assessments. October 2019 – December 2019 there were 18 assessments
In 2020, there were 40 completed.
January 2021 to date, we have completed 80 assessments.

FEES assessments are completed for inpatients only. We do not complete outpatient assessments.