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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 4th January 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to delays and rejections to CAHMS and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am investigating CAMHS and the delays/rejections since the pandemic. Please could you provide me with the following information for your area:

- 1. The proportion of referrals to the mental health service deemed inappropriate or rejected in the 2019/2020 financial year and the 2020/2021 financial year**
- 2. The reasons for referrals to the mental health services being rejected in these years**
- 3. The median and maximum waiting times between initial assessment and the start of treatment in these years**

The Trust does not provide mental health services. Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact that organisation via the following address:

Trust Secretary's Department
West Park Hospital
Edward Pease Way
Darlington

DL2 2TS

Email: tewv.foi@nhs.net

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator