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Email only

21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 Dementia Diagnosis and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you.**

- 1. How long are people waiting for a dementia diagnosis in {{Public Authority}}? This should be provided for each of the last three years to the date of your reply, and should be in this format: What proportion of people booked in for a dementia diagnosis appointment are waiting a) 0-10 weeks b)11-20 weeks c)21-30 weeks d)31-40 weeks e)41-50 weeks f)51-60 weeks g)61-70 weeks and so on for a dementia diagnosis appointment.**
- 2. What percentage of dementia patients had a dementia review once a year in a) the first year b) the first two years c)the first five years after they were diagnosed with dementia.**
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The diagnosis of dementia is facilitated by Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust (TEWV), and their memory clinic. As an Acute Trust we carry out blood tests

and possibly CT/brain scans associated with the presenting complaint of the patient. If as a consequence of investigation and assessment it was identified the patient would benefit from further investigation for issues with memory or other symptoms, there would be a need to complete a referral. This would be made to our colleagues in mental health requesting assessment and potential diagnosis, copies of any relevant test results would be attached to that referral.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**