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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 February 2020 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the paediatric dental waiting times. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Could you please provide the following information relating to general anaesthesia (GA) paediatric dental waiting times for children under 18 in hospitals managed by the Trust:

- 1. Total number of children currently on your waiting lists and for each of the past five years. Please also break this data down by age e.g. age 1, age 2 etc.?***

Answer: Please see spreadsheet attached. The Trust can only go back to 31 March 2019 as the data requested was not collected on our waiting list system before that time.

- 2. Average waiting time from referral by year for each of the past 5 years?***

Answer: 18/19: Average wait days is 124 days
19/20: Average wait days is 108 days

- 3. The longest someone currently has been waiting for treatment?***

Answer: As at 29 February census the longest wait in days is 150 days

4. Total number of children who have waited more than a) 6 months b) a year c) 18 months d) 2 years currently and for each of the past five years. Please also break this data down by age e.g. age 1, age 2 etc.?

Answer: Please see spreadsheet attached. The Trust can only go back to 31 March 2019 as the data requested was not collected on our waiting list system previously.

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer