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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 5th April 2022 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 children attending A&E and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Number of children attending A&E per month, since Jan 2019 due to a mental health related issue.

Month	ED attends
Jan-19	13
Feb-19	8
Mar-19	17
Apr-19	19
May-19	11
Jun-19	16
Jul-19	16
Aug-19	8
Sep-19	15
Oct-19	11
Nov-19	14
Dec-19	15
Jan-20	20

Month	ED attends
Feb-20	12
Mar-20	9
Apr-20	5
May-20	6
Jun-20	17
Jul-20	7
Aug-20	8
Sep-20	13
Oct-20	17
Nov-20	12
Dec-20	12
Jan-21	15
Feb-21	13
Mar-21	23
Apr-21	17
May-21	23
Jun-21	18
Jul-21	13
Aug-21	16
Sep-21	13
Oct-21	16
Nov-21	34
Dec-21	18
Jan-22	20
Feb-22	21
Mar-22	21

2. The top 10 longest stays in A&E of a child who is presenting a mental health issue over the last 12 months.

Please see the below table and note that when a patient attends the Emergency Department they are booked in, streamed and assessed then seen by a nurse and member of the medical staff, all overseen by a senior decision maker. First line investigations and treatments are then given.

Whilst patients can remain in the Emergency Department for any length of time they are monitored and cared for throughout their stay, with treatment plans adjusted as clinically need.

Total time in ED (hh:mm)
19:38
19:01
14:38
13:05
12:47
12:13
10:58
10:44
10:20
10:03

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