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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 16<sup>th</sup> February 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to Elective Care waits and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Could you please provide by return email, all information pertaining to:**

- 1. How many patients are on elective care wait lists for Surgery, by surgery type?**

| Specialty                          | Admitted |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| General Surgery                    | 2,038    |
| Breast Surgery                     | 66       |
| Colorectal Surgery                 | 29       |
| Trauma & Orthopaedics              | 1,922    |
| Ear Nose And Throat                | 451      |
| Ophthalmology                      | 938      |
| Oral Surgery                       | 207      |
| Plastic Surgery                    | 1,007    |
| Pain Management                    | 47       |
| Paediatric Trauma And Orthopaedics | 19       |
| Paediatric Ear Nose And Throat     | 58       |

| Specialty                    | Admitted |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Paediatric Ophthalmology     | <5       |
| Paediatric Plastic Surgery   | <5       |
| Paediatric Thoracic Medicine | <5       |
| General Medicine             | 9        |
| Gastroenterology             | 216      |
| Endocrinology                | <5       |
| Cardiology                   | 63       |
| Dermatology                  | 411      |
| Thoracic Medicine            | 20       |
| Rheumatology                 | <5       |
| Geriatric Medicine           | <5       |
| Gynaecology                  | 735      |

2. How many patients are on elective care wait lists for Diagnostic, by speciality type?

| Type                      | Procedure                  | Total        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Imaging                   | Magnetic Resonance Imaging | 1,735        |
|                           | Computed Tomography        | 1,620        |
|                           | Non-obstetric ultrasound   | 3,784        |
|                           | DEXA Scan                  | 416          |
| Physiological Measurement | Audiology Assessments      | 96           |
|                           | Echocardiography           | 1,189        |
|                           | Neurophysiology            | 39           |
|                           | Sleep studies              | 183          |
|                           | Urodynamics                | 5            |
| Endoscopy                 | Colonoscopy                | 292          |
|                           | Flexi sigmoidoscopy        | 152          |
|                           | Gastroscopy                | 306          |
| <b>Total</b>              |                            | <b>9,817</b> |

3. How many patients are on elective care wait lists for Outpatient, by speciality type?

| Specialty             | Non Admitted |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| General Surgery       | 2,052        |
| Breast Surgery        | 637          |
| Colorectal Surgery    | 839          |
| Trauma & Orthopaedics | 1,492        |
| Ear Nose And Throat   | 3,179        |
| Ophthalmology         | 2,182        |
| Oral Surgery          | 916          |
| Plastic Surgery       | 1,124        |
| Pain Management       | 112          |

| <b>Specialty</b>                   | <b>Non Admitted</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Paediatric Trauma And Orthopaedics | 411                 |
| Paediatric Ear Nose And Throat     | 360                 |
| Paediatric Ophthalmology           | 171                 |
| Paediatric Plastic Surgery         | 29                  |
| Paediatric Gastroenterology        | 181                 |
| Paediatric Endocrinology           | 50                  |
| Paediatric Dermatology             | 253                 |
| Paediatric Thoracic Medicine       | 397                 |
| Paediatric Diabetic Medicine       | 30                  |
| General Medicine                   | 376                 |
| Gastroenterology                   | 4,277               |
| Endocrinology                      | 700                 |
| Haematology (Clinical)             | 538                 |
| Hepatology                         | 312                 |
| Diabetic Medicine                  | 195                 |
| Cardiology                         | 2,436               |
| Paediatric Cardiology              | 57                  |
| Dermatology                        | 2,375               |
| Thoracic Medicine                  | 1,493               |
| Rheumatology                       | 1,073               |
| Paediatrics                        | 2,598               |
| Geriatric Medicine                 | 381                 |
| Gynaecology                        | 4,446               |

**4. Of those on the wait lists, how many patients have exceeded the 18-week referral to treatment wait?**

These figures are taken from combination of from both question 1 and question 2 waiting list.

| <b>Specialty</b>                   | <b>Total &gt;18 weeks</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| General Surgery                    | 2,165                     |
| Breast Surgery                     | <5                        |
| Colorectal Surgery                 | 345                       |
| Trauma & Orthopaedics              | 1,584                     |
| Ear Nose And Throat                | 1,879                     |
| Ophthalmology                      | 1,347                     |
| Oral Surgery                       | 553                       |
| Plastic Surgery                    | 799                       |
| Pain Management                    | 42                        |
| Paediatric Trauma And Orthopaedics | 170                       |
| Paediatric Ear Nose And Throat     | 233                       |
| Paediatric Ophthalmology           | 80                        |
| Paediatric Plastic Surgery         | 6                         |
| Paediatric Gastroenterology        | 75                        |

| Specialty                    | Total >18 weeks |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paediatric Endocrinology     | 21              |
| Paediatric Dermatology       | 127             |
| Paediatric Thoracic Medicine | 155             |
| Paediatric Diabetic Medicine | <5              |
| General Medicine             | 255             |
| Gastroenterology             | 2,160           |
| Endocrinology                | 225             |
| Haematology (Clinical)       | 159             |
| Hepatology                   | 217             |
| Diabetic Medicine            | 62              |
| Cardiology                   | 747             |
| Paediatric Cardiology        | 20              |
| Dermatology                  | 1,268           |
| Thoracic Medicine            | 729             |
| Rheumatology                 | 533             |
| Paediatrics                  | 999             |
| Geriatric Medicine           | 29              |
| Gynaecology                  | 1,932           |

**5. How many patients had surgery cancelled and was not re-booked within 28 days?**

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**6. Could you breakdown question 5 by surgery type please?**

1 General Surgery and 1 Ear, Nose & Throat

**7. How much money did your Trust spend on insourcing or outsourcing, by surgery type, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022?**

Endoscopy - £759k  
Theatres - £769k  
Orthopaedics - £158k  
General Surgery - £1,047k

**8. What was your Theatre utilisation by month in 2022?**

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case the Trust is claiming an exemption under Section 21 of the Act, namely the information is otherwise accessible from our website. This information can be found on page 331 of the January 2023 Trust Board meeting papers.

[County Durham and Darlington - Trust Board meetings \(cddft.nhs.uk\)](https://cddft.nhs.uk)

**9. Who was the Manager responsible for each service wait lists? What is their name and job title?**

Gemma Handley, General Manager  
Jackie Bendle, General Manager  
Paul Thurland, General Manager

**10. Who was the Manager responsible for the elective recovery plan? What is their name and job title?**

Felicity White, Associate Director of Operations.

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**