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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 26th July 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 Follow-up Appointments and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. The number of patients waiting for a follow up appointment in your trust that were not captured in the official Referral to Treatment monthly statistics in the following months: May 2019, May 2022 and May 2023.**

As at 18th August 2023 the number of patients waiting for a follow up appointment is 19,119. Please note that this is an un-validated figure.

- 2. Please break this information down by:**
 - a. Treatment function.**
 - b. Month and year patients were placed on a follow up appointment list.**
 - c. Month and year of due date for patients to be seen. If due dates are not in place, please state this by volume.**

The Trust does not record the information you have requested in the format you have requested it. There is currently ongoing work within the Information Team to update the way in which these patients are tracked within Trust systems. At this time the Trust is only able to provide un-validated data which will include those patients who do not require RTT follow up.

SPECIALTY	SPECIALTY NAME	Total
100	General Surgery	70
101	Urology	186
103	Breast Surgery	7
104	Colorectal Surgery	113
107	Vascular Surgery	<5
110	Trauma & Orthopaedics	542
120	Ear Nose And Throat	41
130	Ophthalmology	3632
140	Oral Surgery	5
160	Plastic Surgery	108
171	Paediatric Surgery	12
190	Anaesthetics	<5
211	Paediatric Urology	<5
214	Paediatric Trauma & Orthopaedics	324
215	Paediatric Ear Nose And Throat	6
216	Paediatric Ophthalmology	206
219	Paediatric Plastic Surgery	<5
251	Paediatric Gastroenterology	<5
252	Paediatric Endocrinology	<5
257	Paediatric Dermatology	299
258	Paediatric Thoracic Medicine	117
263	Paediatric Diabetic Medicine	<5
300	General Medicine	231
301	Gastroenterology	1615
302	Endocrinology	1855
303	Haematology (Clinical)	7
306	Hepatology	536
307	Diabetic Medicine	1276
320	Cardiology	475
328	Stroke Medicine	5
329	TIA	9
330	Dermatology	247
340	Thoracic Medicine	2964
361	Nephrology	6
370	Medical Oncology	<5
400	Neurology	72
410	Rheumatology	3247
420	Paediatrics	336
430	Geriatric Medicine	12
501	Obstetrics	<5
502	Gynaecology	141

800	Clinical Oncology	260
Unallocated	Unallocated	141
Grand Total		19119

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.cddffoi@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