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Email only

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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 8th November 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 accident and emergency delays for children and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act on accident and emergency delays for children.

The longest time it took for a person aged 18 and under to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

The number of people aged 18 and under waiting more than four hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

The number of people under the aged 18 and under waiting more than twelve hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

The number of people aged 18 and under seen by your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far.

The table below shows the answers for patients waiting to be seen by a doctor.

ED Attendances aged 18 and under	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan - Oct)
Longest time to be seen	18:40	12:29	08:33	11:09	14:14	14:33
Number >4 hours to be seen	193	925	363	1870	3868	1348
Number >12 hours to be seen	7	89	18	37	31	5
Total number seen	26159	30235	22623	30483	32832	26296

Note that 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 needed as they are waiting to be seen by a doctor.

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