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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 12th December 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 Speech and Language Therapy Waiting Lists and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please may you provide me with:

- 1. The total number of children on a waiting list for speech and language therapy as of 1st December 2023, and on the 1st December for each year, since 2010.**

The Trust does not provide this service. The Children's Speech and Language Therapy is delivered by North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust and if you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following address:

North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust:
FOI Officer
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
University Hospital of North Tees
Hardwick
Stockton on Tees

TS19 8PE

Email: nth-tr.foi@nhs.net

2. **The total number of adults on a waiting list for speech and language therapy as of 1st December 2023, and on the 1st December for each year, since 2010.**

The Trust are unable to answer this question as every month a new extract is received from System One and the previous information is over written. The Trust does not hold snapshots of the waiting list by month so are not able to go back in time.

The System currently shows that there are 37 patients currently on the waiting list.

3. **The single longest number of days that an individual child spent on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

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4. **The single longest number of days that an individual adult spent on a waiting list for speech and language therapy, broken down by financial year, since 2010.**

The Trust are unable to answer this question as every month a new extract is received from System One and the previous information is over written. The Trust does not hold snapshots of the waiting list by month so are not able to go back in time.

The System currently shows that the longest wait is 22 weeks.

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