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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 20th February 2024 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 Cancer Treatment Wait Times and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

For each of these questions I am looking for figures consistent with those used for the 62-day referral to treatment standard, i.e. how long in calendar days it took for a patient to start treatment after their referral for suspected cancer and diagnosis, as measured from the date of the urgent referral.

1. The number of patients who waited

a) over 124 days (i.e. 4 months) and

2020 - 13
2021 - 18
2022 - 19
2023 - 29

b) over 186 days (i.e. 6 months) between an urgent referral from their GP and starting their first treatment for cancer.

2020 - 5

2021 - <3
2022 - 0
2023 - 7

Please can you provide figures for each of the past four calendar years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020).

- 2. The single longest wait in days for a patient to start cancer treatment, as measured from the date of the urgent referral, in the 2023 calendar year?**

422 Days

- 3. The current longest wait in days for a patient still waiting to start their cancer treatment, as measured from the date of urgent referral.**

262 as at 3rd March 2024

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