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Email only

20th March 2024

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 13th March 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 waiting lists for community health speech and language services and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the community health services for speech and language.

- 1. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list to receive speech and language therapy services.**

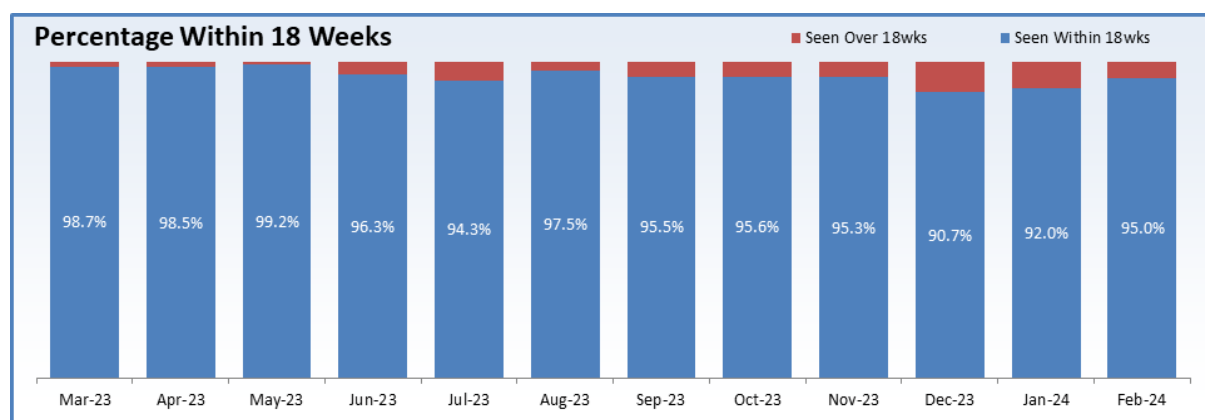
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Please noted that the Trust does not provide this service for Children. The service is provided by North Tees Hospital. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following address:

North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust:
FOI Officer
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust

University Hospital of North Tees
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2. A breakdown of the waiting list by age groups (0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-18 years, 18+ years) for the latest calendar year 2023.
3. A breakdown of the number of patients by age group waiting from referral to first appointment:
 - 0-1 weeks (0-7 days)
 - 1-2 weeks (8-14 days)
 - 2-4 weeks (15-28 days)
 - 4-12 weeks (29-84 days)
 - 12-18 weeks (85-126 days)
 - 18-52 weeks (127-364 days)
 - Over 52 weeks (over 365days)
4. Historical data on the waiting list – the total number of patients waiting for speech and language services, a breakdown by age group and weeks waiting for 2019, 2020 and 2021 or the latest year for when records began.



The above shows the percentage of community patients over 18 years old within 18 weeks for March 2023 to February 2024. This cannot be broken down further by age groups/waiting times. The service currently have 116 patients on SystmOne community waiting list.

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