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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 February 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding autism assessment times. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism has been referred?***
- 2. What is the Trust's target waiting time for assessment after a child suspected of having autism has been referred?***
- 3. How many adults were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in 2017/18?***
- 4. How many children were referred to the Trust for autism assessment in 2017/18?***
- 5. What was the average waiting time for assessment after an adult suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?***
- 6. What was the average waiting time for assessment after a child suspected of having autism had been referred to the Trust in 2017/18?***
- 7. How many adults referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?***

**8. How many children referred to the Trust for autism assessment are currently waiting for assessment?**

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust does not provide this service. Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact that organisation via the following address:

Trust Secretary's Department  
West Park Hospital  
Edward Pease Way  
Darlington,  
DL2 2TS

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**