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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 26 February 2020 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 spectrum disorder. Specifically you requested information as follows:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000.

For each annual quarter starting January 2017 (or the earliest that you hold the relevant data for), I would like to know the following:

1. The number of people, broken down by age category, who have been referred to your trust for diagnosis with suspected autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
2. The number of people, broken down by age category, who have been referred to your trust for diagnosis that have an additional mental health condition at the same time as being referred for diagnosis with suspected autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
3. A breakdown of those patients covered by part (2) by the additional mental health condition that they are diagnosed with.
4. The number of people, broken down by age category, who are diagnosed with an additional mental health condition when they are already on the waiting for diagnosis of suspected autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as the result of a referral at a previous appointment.
5. A breakdown of those patients covered by part (4) by the mental health condition that they are diagnosed with.

Age categories can be whatever is most easily accessible - or as U18/ 18-24/ 25-34/ 35-44/ 45-54/ 55-64/ 65+.

If you do not have the information for each age category then just the total number for each request is fine.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust does not provide mental health services. 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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer