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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19th November 2020 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 dental extraction and cancers and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please could you give the following figures for the six month period May 15 to November 15, separately, for the three years 2018, 2019 and 2020:

1. The number of referrals to your Trust for extraction of teeth in children (up to age of 18), over the six month periods?

2018: 637

2019: 746

2020: 295 – please note, since March 2020 the Trust was not accepting referrals or additions to waiting lists from community dental services (which also had a period of low activity).

2. The number of cancers diagnosed, broken down by stage of cancer, over the six month periods?

Please see Attachment 1

3. The number of operable cancers diagnosed in the six month periods?

Please see Attachment 1

4. The number of inoperable cancers diagnosed in the six month periods?

Please see Attachment 1

5. Could you please also tell me what the current figures are for:

a. How many children have been waiting more than one year for extraction of teeth at your Trust?

Zero.

b. The age range of children waiting more than one year for extraction of teeth at your Trust?

N/A.

c. How many children have waited for more than two years for extraction of teeth at your Trust?

Zero.

d. What is the age range of children who have waited more than two years for extraction of teeth at your Trust?

N/A.

e. How many patients have been waiting more than six months for cardiology appointments at your Trust?

192 as at 13 December 2020.

f. How many patients have been waited for more than a year for cardiology appointments at your Trust?

50 as at 13 December 2020.

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

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