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Email only

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 3 March 2021 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 disabled children and young people and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Please find below our FOI request regarding information you hold regarding disabled children and young people. The request includes information regarding therapy services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy), Wheelchair services, Mental Health Services and Assessment for Autism.**

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet and note the following:

- The Trust does not provide Children's Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) and so we are unable to provide this information. The Trust would advise you to contact the providing Trust directly. For further information please contact North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following email address: [nth-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:nth-tr.foi@nhs.net)
- The data provided to respond to your request does not take into account any referrals that did not lead to an appointment, your request was specific to referrals and contacts. As such the numbers do appear inconsistent. Should you wish to understand the data further we would advise you to request 'Total New Contacts', 'New contacts within 13 weeks' and 'Average Wait from Referral to Initial Contact'. This would then account for any referral that did not lead to an appointment. Should you wish to receive this data please contact us and we will work to provide this through the FOI process.

- During the Covid-19 pandemic some service users of the wheelchair service have declined contact due to their own concerns around their vulnerability, which has resulted in some discrepancy in the data you have requested.
- Sections 5 and 6 are in relation to Mental Health services which the Trust, as an acute care provider and not a mental health Trust does not provide. The Trust would advise you to contact the relevant Trust directly. For further information please contact Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following email address: [tewv.foi@nhs.net](mailto:tewv.foi@nhs.net)

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer