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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18 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 Dental General Anaesthetic (DGA) list and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Would you please answer the following for any Dental General Anaesthetic (DGA) list you deliver?

- 1. Please confirm name, type of provider (NHS Trust or CDS) and your Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, or Integrated Care service (if known)?**

The provider is County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust through the Community Dental Service which forms part of the Head and Neck service.

- 2. What sort of lists do you provide? We want to know if they are**
 - Extraction only**
 - Comprehensive care only**

The Trust provides both types of lists and also a combination of both types of lists, for example to avoid waste the Trust may add one extraction to a Comprehensive list.

- a) Please describe the approximate frequency of each per month?**

3 Extraction lists and 4 Comprehensive lists per month.

- b) What is the age range permitted on each type of list?**

0-16 years old.

c) What is the criteria for each list you provide e.g. purely due to special needs, or due to age/ quantity of treatment/ lack of co-operation etc.?

- Special needs: medical, physical and learning
- Age and level of compliance
- Complexity of treatment required

3. If you provide dental care under General Anaesthetic (GA) via any other method e.g. extraction case at the end of an adult list, we would be like you to briefly describe these as well?

Urgent cases can be added to an adult list depending on availability of Paediatric beds.

To fully utilise the theatre lists and avoid waste, for example each theatre list is 4 hours. 1 adult case may be 2-3 hours long, to avoid overrun a short paediatric extraction case would be added.

On Medical General Anaesthetic lists the Trust liaises with medical colleagues and are able to see patients who are listed for medical GA depending on suitability and time allowed for scaling, dental extractions and sometimes fillings.

4. What is the approximate number of children seen in 1 year across all the DGA lists you deliver (end date in 2019)?

765 Children.

5. Who plans each type of GA list you provide (e.g. Paediatric Specialist, Paediatric Consultant, Special Needs Specialist, Senior Dental officer etc.)?

The Paediatric Dentistry Consultant, Paediatric dentistry Specialist and Specialty Registrar under supervision as part of their training plan each type of GA list.

6. Who actually carries out each list (e.g. Paediatric Specialist, Paediatric Consultant, Special Needs Specialist, Senior Dental officer etc.)?

Comprehensive dental care lists: Paediatric Dentistry Consultant or Paediatric dentistry Specialist (with Specialist Registrar in Paediatric Dentistry).

Extraction only lists: Senior Dental officers/Dental Officers/ Specialist Registrar in Paediatric Dentistry.

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

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