

FOI 3313

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**Share the paediatric elective care waiting list data (under 18) disaggregated by ethnicity and IMD for the time-series September 2021-June 2025, displayed as total numbers waiting month by month. Please indicate if this data has not been collected.**

**Response:**

Please see attached the number of Elective Inpatient and Daycase waiters for Regional Specialty = Paediatrics breakdown for each month end waiting list snapshot position for Sept 2021 – Apr 2025. (Snapshot position for May & June 25 have been provided but currently these figures are unvalidated)

**Share paediatric community service waiting list data (under 18) disaggregated by ethnicity and IMD for the time-series September 2021– June 2025, displayed as total numbers waiting month by month. If this data has not been collected, please provide the total waiting list for paediatric community care between September 2021-June 2025 by month.**

**Response:**

Please see attached the number of outpatients waiting on first appointment for Regional Specialty = Paediatrics (to include Community Paediatrics) by Monthly Snapshot position for Sept 2021 – May 2025. (Snapshot position for June 2025 has been provided but currently these figures are unvalidated)

We have been unable to provide a breakdown by ethnicity or by IMD as ethnicity is poorly recorded and information on deprivation is not centrally held within our data warehouse.

This information is not recorded centrally and therefore retrieving it would involve a manual search of individual patient records. As such we cannot provide this information as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information from a number of individual patient records would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

In addition, it would not be appropriate to search through individual patient records for the purposes for responding to a FOI request, there would be no patient expectation that medical records would be used in this way.

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