

FOI – 1622

9th May 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How many patients in total are on the waiting list to access community dental services, as follows:

Current GA Extraction waiting lists:

- **Children on extraction only GA lists**

486

- **Special Care Children's comprehensive care GA – extractions and restorations**

17

- **Adult Special Care GA**

31

Average length of waiting times for each of the above?

Information not held on average adult special care because waiting list is between 2 hospitals depending on clinical suitability

Information not held on average paediatric extraction as patients currently prioritised on clinical need.

What is the longest waiting time for each of the above?

Paediatric extraction 167 weeks

Paediatric Special Care 206 weeks

Adult Special Care South Tyrone Hospital 43 weeks

Adult Special Care Daisy Hill Hospital 168 weeks

How many (of above) have been done in the last year?

Paediatric extraction, 809

Paediatric Special Care <5

Adult Special Care 35

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

Hospital waiting lists - please supply the following information:

New patient waiting times for each dental specialty for:

1. Red flag referrals.

2. Urgent referrals.

3. Routine referrals.

Please provide these figures for (each of) the last 5 years for each dental speciality:

Treatment Waiting times (if a patient is accepted onto a hospital dental treatment waiting list how long will they wait from acceptance to commencement of treatment)?

Oral surgery

Orthodontics

Restorative dentistry

Paediatric dentistry

Oral Medicine specialities

OMFS (including Orthognathic and Dentoalveor ?

Please see attached spreadsheet for the following specialties:

Oral Surgery

Orthodontics

Paediatric Dentistry

The following specialties are not applicable to the SHSCT:

Restorative dentistry

Oral Medicine specialities

OMFS (including Orthognathic and Dentoalveor)