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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014018 - Paediatric dental waiting times

Could you please provide the following information relating to general anaesthesia (GA) paediatric dental waiting times for children under 18 in hospitals managed by the Trust:

1.Total number of children currently on your waiting lists and for each of the past five years. Please also break this data down by age e.g. age 1, age 2 etc.

Where a child has been assessed by an Oral Surgery Consultant and it has been determined that the planned procedure will involve use of a general anaesthetic, there are currently 15 patients waiting for such a procedure. As the numbers are so small, we cannot provide a breakdown of data by age range due to patient identification risks. Waiting lists are derived at a single point in time, we cannot therefore provide a waiting list for the duration of a year. Please note that these are planned procedures, the actual procedure and the anaesthetics used may alter later depending upon clinical circumstances, not all Oral Surgery procedures carried out are necessarily directly related to teeth.

2.Average waiting time from referral by year for each of the past 5 years.

The trust does not hold the average waiting time (from referral to treatment) information as requested

3.Total number of children who have waited more than 6 months currently and for each of the past five years. Please also break this data down by age e.g. age 1, age 2 etc.

Of the 15 patients currently waiting for a GA procedure, 1 has waited more than 6 months between the date when they were added to the wait list and their current planned admission date. As the numbers are so small, we cannot provide a breakdown of data by age range due to patient identification risks. Waiting lists are derived at a single point in time, we cannot therefore provide a waiting list for the duration of a year.