

Quality and Governance Service

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Original Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act please can you release the following information:

1. As of March 31st, 2017, can you tell me how many children were on the waiting list to visit the Trust's children's dental hospital?
2. If the Trust does not have a dedicated dental hospital, how long is the wait as of March 31st, 2017, for children's dental services?
3. How long is the present waiting list, in terms of months/weeks to be seen?
4. How long is the wait for teeth extractions?
5. How many children are affected by the wait for teeth extractions?
6. Is there a wait for youngsters to be added to the waiting list? if, so how many children are waiting to be placed on to the waiting list?
7. How many dental nurses does the Trust employ for children's dental services?
8. How many vacancies does it have at present?
9. How many children were on the waiting list to visit the Trust's children's dental hospital on:
 - a) March 31st, 2016?
 - b) March 31st 2015?
 - c) March 31st 2014?
 - d) March 31st 2013?
10. If the Trust does not have a dental hospital, how many children were on the waiting list to visit the Trust's children's dental services on:
 - a) March 31st, 2016
 - b) March 31st 2015?
 - c) March 31st 2014?
 - d) March 31st 2013?
11. How many children received treatment at the children's dental services between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016?

Our Response



Rated as good by:



Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust

Acting Chairman: Chris Allen
Chief Executive: Karen Howell

1. N/A.
2. The Trust Dental Service operates to KPIs of 6 weeks from Referral to Treatment. The Service meets this KPI.
3. Approximately 2 weeks to assessment and 2-4 weeks to treatment.
4. 2-4 weeks.
5. We take approximately 150 referrals per month but there is minimum wait as above.
6. No.
7. 5 whole time equivalent dental nurses.
8. Non.
9. N/A.
10. The Trust does not have a waiting list beyond 2-4 weeks for treatment. This has been the case from 2013.
11. Approximately 1898.

I trust this satisfies your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Howell
Chief Executive



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