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2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

*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?*

We do not have a Children's Dental Hospital

*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?*

12.7 Wk

*How long is the present waiting list, in terms of months/weeks to be seen?*

13.4 Wk

First Outpatient clinic attendance is booked at 6 weeks. If there is a shortfall in capacity additional sessions take place.

*How long is the wait for teeth extractions?*

7.3 Wk (Inpatient Waiting List)

*How many children are affected by the wait for teeth extractions?*

215 (Inpatient Waiting List)

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?

0

How many dental nurses does the Trust employ for children's dental services?

8.4 (Includes 2 Training Dental Nurses)

How many vacancies does it have at present?

0.69

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?

N/A

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>442</b>
b) March 31st 2015?	<b>401</b>
c) March 31st 2014?	<b>284</b>
d) March 31st 2013?	<b>360</b>
<b>Please note: Includes Inpatient &amp; Outpatient Waiting List(OP figures include First and Follow Up Waiting List Patients)</b>	

How many children received treatment at the children's dental services between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016?

	<b>Inpatients</b>	<b>Outpatients</b>	<b>Total</b>
No of patients	701	804	1505
No of Admissions/Attendances (Some patients attended more than once in the time period)	722	893	1615

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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