

Freedom of Information Response

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Please can you provide the following information for the Community Dental Service(s) provided by your organisation;

For paediatric patients referred in to your service from the General Dental Service or other referrers for routine exodontia;

- The wait time for assessment by a CDS practitioner
- The wait time from CDS assessment to General Anaesthetic (GA) assessment
- The wait time from GA assessment to completion of GA treatment
- The location of the most utilised (by absolute patient headcount) GA facility.

For paediatric patients under your service's continuing care;

- The wait time from CDS assessment re suitability for treatment under GA to GA assessment
- The wait time from GA assessment to GA appointment
- The location of the most utilised (by absolute patient headcount) GA facility.

For adult patients under your service's continuing care;

- The wait time from CDS assessment re suitability for treatment under GA to GA assessment
- The wait time from GA assessment to GA appointment
- The location of the most utilised (by absolute patient headcount) GA facility.

Thank you for your request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, the Trust is unable to provide you with the information as it is exempt under Section 43 – Commercial Interests as disclosure would prejudice the commercial interest of the Trust due to the tender process.

This exemption is a qualified one, which requires us to consider the public interest in disclosing the information, even though it does fit an exemption. In this case, we consider that the public interest is better served by withholding the information.