

ND ref. **FOI/16/518**

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 13/03/17 request for the following information:

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;

1. The wait time for assessment by a CDS practitioner

Answer: Our current waiting time from DRR* to General Anaesthetic (GA) Assessment appointment is: Exeter approximately: 8 weeks, Barnstaple approximately: 4 weeks.

*DRR = Date referral received (starting the 18 week pathway to commencement of treatment).

2. The wait time from CDS assessment to General Anaesthetic (GA) assessment

Answer: The initial and GA assessments are carried out during the same appointment at both sites.

3. The wait time from GA assessment to completion of GA treatment

Answer: Our current waiting time, for all paediatric patients, from GA assessment to completion of GA treatment is: Exeter approximately: 12 weeks, Barnstaple approximately: 5 weeks.

4. The location of the most utilised (by absolute patient headcount) GA facility.

Answer: Total GA patient headcount for Paediatric and Adult treatment under GA from April 2016 - February 2017 is Exeter 322, Barnstaple 247.

For paediatric patients under your service's continuing care;

5. The wait time from CDS assessment re suitability for treatment under GA to GA assessment

Answer: The initial and GA assessments are carried out during the same appointment at both sites.

6. The wait time from GA assessment to GA appointment

Answer: Our current waiting time, for all paediatric patients, from GA assessment to completion of GA treatment is: Exeter approximately: 12 weeks, Barnstaple approximately: 5 weeks.

7. The location of the most utilised (by absolute patient headcount) GA facility.

Answer: Please see answer to Question 4.

For adult patients under your service's continuing care;

8. The wait time from CDS assessment re suitability for treatment under GA to GA assessment

Answer: The initial and GA assessments are carried out during the same appointment at both sites.

9. The wait time from GA assessment to GA appointment

Answer: This is very difficult to answer as all our adult GA patients have Special Needs and therefore may require an IMCA* or Best Interest meeting before booking

GA appointment. If these are not required, the wait time could be between 2-6 months.

*IMCA = Independent Mental Capacity Assessment.

10. *The location of the most utilised (by absolute patient headcount) GA facility.*
Answer: Please see answer to Question 4.