Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding children’s dental services, please see below our response to your request.

Request:

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

As of March 31st, 2017, can you tell me how many children were on the waiting list to visit the CCG children's dental hospital?

If the CCG does not have a dedicated dental hospital, how long is the wait as of March 31st, 2017, for children's dental services?

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

How long is the wait for teeth extractions?

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

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?

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

How many vacancies does it have at present?

How many children were on the waiting list to visit the CCG's children's dental hospital on:

a) March 31st, 2016?

b) March 31st 2015?

c) March 31st 2014?

d) March 31st 2013?

If the CCG does not have a dental hospital, how many children were on the waiting list to visit the CCG’s children's dental services on:
How many children received treatment at the children's dental services between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016?

Response:

Children's dental services are commissioned by NHS England. For the information you request please forward an FOI request to NHSE.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

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