

**Freedom of Information Request – 4053**

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

Could you please provide the following information relating to general anaesthesia (GA) paediatric dental waiting times for children under 18 in hospitals managed by the Trust:

1. Total number of children currently on your waiting lists and for each of the past five years. Please also break this data down by age e.g. age 1, age 2 etc.
2. Average waiting time from referral by year for each of the past 5 years.
3. Total number of children who have waited more than 6 months currently and for each of the past five years. Please also break this data down by age e.g. age 1, age 2 etc.

*See attached spreadsheet*

*(NB: All children referred into secondary care for Oral Surgery treatment(s) will have a general anaesthetic. Local anaesthetic +/- oral sedation is available in primary care and if a child is assessed as not being suitable then a referral to secondary care for treatment under a General Anaesthetic will be made).*