

**Ref: 36813**

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**7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 with regards to Children's Dental Services.

**Request:**

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. How long is the present waiting list, in terms of months/weeks to be seen?
4. How long is the wait for teeth extractions?
5. How many children are affected by the wait for teeth extractions?
6. Is there a wait for youngsters to be added to the waiting list?
7. If so, how many children are waiting to be placed on to the waiting list?
8. How many dental nurses does the CCG employ for children's dental services?
9. How many vacancies does it have at present?
10. 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?

11. 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:
  - a) March 31st, 2016?
  - b) March 31st 2015?
  - c) March 31st 2014?
  - d) March 31st 2013?
12. How many children received treatment at the children's dental services between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016?

**Response:**

We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act as we do not hold the information you have requested.

NHS England is the current commissioner of Children's Dental Services and as such you will need to redirect your enquiry to their Customer Contact Centre and their details are as follows:

NHS England  
Customer Contact Centre  
P.O. Box 16738  
Redditch  
B97 9PT

Tel: 0300 311 2233

Email: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)

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

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Services Manager – Governance**