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## Re: Freedom of Information Request – Childhood Cancer

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### You Asked for:

We understand the NHS measures childhood treatment as for those persons between 0-14 and Teenage and Young Adults' (TYA) treatment as aged between 15-24 however, if that is not available, please provide according to the nearest available year ranges. Furthermore, we understand the financial year to be April to March.

1. How many:
  - a. Childhood cancer patients (aged between 0-14 at the time of referral) have been referred by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for cancer treatment year on year for the past five financial years (running from April to March)?
  - b. TYA (aged between 15-24 at time of referral) have been referred by the CCG for cancer treatment year on year for the past five financial years?
2. How many:
  - a. Childhood cancer patients (aged between 0-14 at the time of referral) have been referred by the CCG outside of the CCG area for cancer treatment, year on year for the past five financial years (running from April to March)?
  - b. TYA patients (aged between 15-24 at time of referral) have been referred by the CCG outside of the CCG area for cancer treatment, year on year for the past five financial years?
3. How much:
  - a. Has the CCG spent on childhood cancer treatment (aged between 0-14) for each of the past five financial years?
  - b. Has the CCG spent on TYA (15-24) cancer treatment for each of the past five financial years?
4. What was the average:
  - a. Wait time for a childhood cancer diagnosis (0-14) in your CCG year on year for the past five financial years?
  - b. Wait time for a TYA cancer diagnosis (15-24) in your CCG year on year for the past five financial years?

## **Our Response:**

Childhood Cancers are commissioned through specialised commissioning services via Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Units (POSCU) linking to Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust as the principal treatment centre. Please follow the link below which can offer further information:

[http://www.nwscnsenate.nhs.uk/files/7614/1354/6880/Childrens\\_CNG\\_Constitution\\_2014.pdf](http://www.nwscnsenate.nhs.uk/files/7614/1354/6880/Childrens_CNG_Constitution_2014.pdf)

All Wirral patients are managed via Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) immediately links with Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust from the point of any patient presenting with suspicious symptoms.

Hospice care for Wirral children is provided by Claire House Children's Hospice. Systems are in place to provide patient support e.g. pain management or symptom management. I have included a link to their website should you like further information:

<https://www.clairehouse.org.uk/>

The data held at Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) level is very limited. A National Cancer Registry is in place to collate and analyse data. I have included a link below for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-cancer-registration-and-analysis-service-ncras>

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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