



23 December 2024

Our Ref: FOI 355

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to DCD Assessment Waiting List**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 12 November 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services & Social Work Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

In regards to young people awaiting assessment by Allied Health Professionals and Community Paediatricians for possible DCD:

Q1. *Is there a cancellation list and if so:*

- ***How many people are on that list iro DCD; and***
- ***Are cancellations automatically offered to others waiting on the DCD assessment list?***

A1. No, there is no cancellation list for Development Coordination Disorder (DCD) within the Trust. Children are called in chronological order.

- Approximately 40 children and young people are on the waiting list to see a community paediatrician for assessment of possible DCD. There are other children and young people who are either awaiting assessment or undergoing assessment with Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) for many issues including possible DCD. Through these assessment the AHPs may identify possible DCD and then request a community paediatrician assessment.
- If there are cancellations, the next person awaiting assessment would be offered the short notice appointment.

Q2. *Please advise how many Children are on the aforementioned Trust list?*

A2. There are approximately 40 children and young people on the waiting list to see a community paediatrician for assessment of possible DCD.

Q3. *Please advise how many Children, from the aforementioned list, have completed the OT assessment stage?*

A3. As of 29.11.2024 all children on the current DCD waiting list have completed an Occupational Therapy assessment.