

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2023.336
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Thank you for your email received 6 February 2023 requesting information regarding dental services.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

My request is for disclosure of the current waiting time for dental treatment under General Anaesthetic, separated to compare adult and child waiting times should this information be readily available but would not need to be further broken down to area or constituency level.

Ideally it would be accompanied by an indication of numbers involved.

The current GA wait list for paediatric cases:

50 TCI

0 non TCI

Awaiting assessment - unknown

The current GA wait list for adult cases:

19 TCI

14 non TCI

Awaiting GA assessment - unknown

*TCI – patient ready to go into theatre to have GA

*Non – TCI – patient has been assessed by clinician and will require GA but have not completed all necessary pre op investigations so therefore cannot be placed on the wait list.

*Awaiting GA assessment – these are patients referred to our service but although we thought they might look like they need GA on paper or after 1st visit – they will actually need to be seen by a GA clinician to determine whether GA is the correct pathway for the patient. So potentially any patients waiting for NP assessment/ examination / reviews appointments can be patients that will go onto the GA pathway. There is no way to track the number of these patients.

Longest wait time paediatrics – 38 weeks

Longest wait time adult – 40 weeks

Current Paediatric sessions available to KCHFT paediatric patients at EKHFT – None as EKHFT is under OPEL 4. Only 1 ad hoc sessions has been secured for Feb 22. No other GA sites available.

Current adult patients seen per month – 2 to 3 patients, depending on case complexity

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