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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 7 May 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Fast Track Continuing Healthcare practices. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

How many applications for Fast Track CHC did you receive in this time period? Please provide this figure broken down by month, gender and ethnicity of patient.

Response:

Information on gender and ethnicity is not captured on our database, data is only available on a quarterly basis.

Date	Applications
Jan 18 - Mar 18	474
Apr 18 – June 18	455
July 18 – Sept 18	446
Oct 18 – Dec 18	471
Jan 19 – Mar 19	454

Q2:

How many applications for Fast Track CHC did you approve? Please provide this figure broken down by month, gender and ethnicity of patient.

Response:

Information on gender and ethnicity is not captured on our database, data is only available on a quarterly basis.

Date	Eligible
Jan 18 - Mar 18	398
Apr 18 – June 18	391
July 18 – Sept 18	387
Oct 18 – Dec 18	383
Jan 19 – Mar 19	373

Q3:

What is the average time period in hours/days from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is made to this being approved? What are the top and bottom and ranges? Please provide these figures broken down by gender and ethnicity of patient.

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information as we do not collect this information.

Q4:

What is the average time period in hours/days from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is approved to this being provided? What are the top and bottom and ranges? Please provide these figures broken down by gender and ethnicity of patient.

Response:

Please see response to Q3.

Q5:

How many people in all the hospitals in your CCG have died in hospital while awaiting the start of a Fast Track CHC package? Please provide this figure broken down by month, gender and ethnicity of patient.

Response:

Please see response to Q3.

Q6:

Does your CCG have a system in place for auditing the use of the Fast Track CHC Pathway?

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG monitors referrals for Fast Track through the contract meetings with Marie Curie. Any auditing that is needed will come out of the analysis of the data provided.

Q7:

How many people work on your CHC team?

Response:

There are approximately 90 members of staff working on the CHC Team.

Q8:

How many people work on processing Fast Track CHC packages?

Response:

The number of people processing of Fast track applications varies across departments, dependant on the number of referrals received at any given time across the function.