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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to heart defects and/or tube feeding issues in children.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
I am conducting research on the prevalence of at-home support for children with specific medical needs. Specifically, I am interested in understanding the situation of children living with:*

- *Heart defects*
- *Tube feeding issues*

The requested data would be as follows:

1. *The estimated number of children currently living with heart defects and/or tube feeding issues.*
2. *The number of children with these conditions who have received at-home support services in the last five years (broken down by year).*
3. *The number of children with these conditions currently awaiting at-home support services (broken down by year for the last five years).*
4. *The number of children with these conditions who have requested at-home support services in the last five years (broken down by year).*
5. *The number of children with these conditions who are currently in receipt of at-home support services (broken down by year for the last five years).*
6. *The estimated number of children with these conditions who are eligible for at-home support services (broken down by year for the last five years).*
7. *Additionally, I would appreciate any insights into the challenges associated with finding or extrapolating this data, such as variations in assessments/criteria or inconsistencies in data tagging of patients.*

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not provide any home care provision outside of oncology for paediatrics.

KCHFT (Kent Community Health) and The Home Enteral Nutrition (HEN) team provide this service and are commissioned separately by ICB to provide our community service.