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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 10th February 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to capital construction works and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Whilst the planning of post occupancy evaluations is a part of the five case model for developing public sector business cases, RIBA Plan of work stage 7 and is integral to P23 contracts, it does not appear that many post occupancy evaluations are actually undertaken, or published. I am trying to understand if NHS Trusts do undertake post occupancy evaluations but don't publish the outcome, or the reasons preventing them from undertaking post occupancy evaluation. I would very much appreciate it if you could please answer the following questions related to this subject:

- 1. Has the Trust undertaken and completed any capital construction projects within the last 5 years?**

Yes

- 2. If yes, was a post occupancy evaluation (POE) study carried out after the project's completion?**

Yes

3. If no, what were the reasons for not carrying out a POE?

Not Applicable

4. If a POE was carried out did the Trust find the results of this beneficial?

Yes

5. If a POE was carried out were the results published and/or shared within the wider NHS?

No

6. Please could contact details be provided of anyone within the Trust who would be willing to take part in a more detailed discussion about POE

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In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator