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Email only

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30th March 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 Cost of running energy devices and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about the number of people in your County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust who are in receipt of medical equipment for use in the home and the cost of running these energy devices.

1. How many patients of [Trust Name] are using or have been prescribed the following medical devices for use in their home?

- a) Nebuliser –20
- b) Oxygen concentrator – 117
- c) Suction – 36
- d) Ventilator or non-invasive ventilation (BiPAP or CPAP) – 7
- e) Feeding pump – provided by Nutricia
- f) Powered hospital bed – Supplied by Medequip
- g) Electric wheelchair – Zero
- h) Haemodialysis machine – Zero
- i) Body drier – Zero
- j) Chair lift – Supplied by Medequip

2. What, if any, rebate or refund schemes are made available by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for patients in respect of the energy costs they incur running the above devices?

The Trust has no rebate or refund schemes for energy costs.

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