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Email only

18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 24<sup>th</sup> April 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 Patients diagnosed with Sleep Apnoea and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### **Please could I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for the Darlington Memorial Hospital?**

- 1. The total number of new patients with diagnosed Sleep Apnoea that have been set up on Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices within the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?**
- 3. As of the date of this request, how many patients diagnosed with sleep apnoea are on the waiting list for setup on CPAP therapy?**

The Trust does have a code for sleep apnoea but this does not differentiate between if it is newly diagnosed and it does not specify the amount requiring setting up for CPAP. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

2. **A list of the CPAP devices suppliers used by the hospital, with total quantity of devices purchased from each supplier between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023?**

Aquilant Ltd	- 7
Inspiration Healthcare Ltd	- 11
Intersurgical	- 5
NHS Supply Chain	- 204

**Please could I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for the University Hospital of North Durham?**

1. **The total number of new patients with diagnosed Sleep Apnoea that have been set up on Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices within the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?**
3. **As of the date of this request, how many patients diagnosed with sleep apnoea are on the waiting list for setup on CPAP therapy?**

The Trust does have a code for sleep apnoea but this does not differentiate between if it is newly diagnosed and it does not specify the amount requiring setting up for CPAP. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

2. **A list of the CPAP devices suppliers used by the hospital, with total quantity of devices purchased from each supplier between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023?**

Aquilant Ltd	- 4
Inspiration Healthcare Ltd	- 14
Intersurgical	- 1
NHS Supply Chain	- 1103
Resmed	- 184

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.cddffoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddffoi@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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**