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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 19th June 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to Consultancy Spending and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

FOI REQUEST:

I am interested in understanding the spending of NHS Trusts on management consulting services in the past five years.

For the purpose of clarity, 'management consulting services' are defined as any external advisory services provided to support decision making and strategic planning, change management, operational efficiency, and other related areas.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

- 1. Total expenditure on management consulting services for each year within the past five years within your trust.**

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| 2018-2019 | - | £0 |
| 2019-2020 | - | £64,210 |

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| 2020-2021 | - | £32,282 |
| 2021-2022 | - | £29,560 |
| 2022-2023 | - | £77,539 |

2. The names of the consulting firms that were contracted, if this does not breach any privacy or contractual clauses.

Akeso
Bluegrass Research
Carveti
ECSC Group
Medacs
P2G
RPS Consulting
Sharon White
Tenders UK

3. The specific areas or projects for which these consulting services were employed.

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| Akeso | - Pathology |
| Bluegrass research | - FRESH service |
| Carveti | - Bed Modelling |
| ECSC Group | - Information security |
| Medacs | - Medical Workforce |
| P2G | - Estate Review and Market Testing |
| RPS Consulting | - Environmental |
| Sharon White | - Childrens & Young People Service |
| Tenders UK | - Childrens & Young People Service |

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