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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 23rd 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.

Your request was in relation to outsourcing and insourcing and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I would like to get the number of procedures (volume) and spend (£ value) for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 by provider specifying if:

- **Outsourced:** indicates an external (third party) provider that has been contracted by your trust, health board or ICB to deliver procedure in their own facility with their own staff
- **Insourced:** indicates that external provider that has been contracted to deliver procedures, using your facilities (eg. operating theatre) but their staff

Please provide the requested information in Excel spreadsheet format. Kindly, find attached a suggested Excel template to fill in the information.

Please see attached spreadsheet. We appreciate your interest in obtaining information regarding the number of procedures and spend for specific years, categorised by provider and classified as either outsourced or insourced activity.

While we understand your desire to access comprehensive data, we regret to inform you that we are unable to provide the volume information you requested. Disclosing the volume of procedures carried out by individual providers could potentially reveal commercially sensitive information, such as the distribution of workload and market competitiveness when utilised in conjunction with the expenditure information. By safeguarding this information, we aim to protect the interests of both our providers and the organisation itself, as well as ensuring fair competition within the NHS.

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