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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 9th October 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 Cancelled Procedures due to Industrial Action and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

FOI REQUEST:

Please provide me with the following information for all services:

- 1. Total number of priority one procedures cancelled due to industrial action or on days of industrial action. Please provide figures by day if possible.**

Zero

- 2. Total number of priority two procedures cancelled due to industrial action or on days of industrial action. Please provide figures by day if possible.**

11 in total
14th July - <3
11th August - <3
24th August - 4
20th September - <3
3rd October - 3

3. Total number of patients who have had a procedure cancelled twice or more due to industrial action.

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. 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.

4. Please provide me with the total number of delays to induction of labour on industrial action days

20.07.23	- 8
21.07.23	- 3
11.08.23 - 14.08.23	- 7
24.08.23 - 25.08.23	- <3
19.09.23 - 22.09.23	- 9
02.10.23 - 04.10.23	- 3

5. Please provide me with the following information for all paediatric services. If you are a specialist children's trust than please provide the details for all services:

Total number of paediatric surgeries or procedures cancelled due to industrial action. If this code isn't available, please provide me with the number of outpatient appointments cancelled on each strike day.

32 in total	
11th April	- <3
14th June	- <3
20th July	- 8
21st July	- 3
11th August	- <3
14th August	- <3
24th August	- 10
25th August	- <3
20th September	- <3
22nd September	- <3

6. Total number of paediatric priority two procedures cancelled due to industrial action. If this code isn't available, please provide me with the number of outpatient appointments cancelled on each strike day.

Zero

7. Total number of paediatric outpatient appointments cancelled due to industrial action. If this code isn't available, please provide me with the number of outpatient appointments cancelled on each strike day.

06/02/2023 – 4
20/07/2023 – 28
19/09/2023 – 26
02/10/2023 – 17
03/10/2023 – 12
04/10/2023 – 24

8. Total paediatric waiting list including general paediatrics as a speciality and paediatric care within each speciality. (separately)

Dermatology Paediatrics	- 4
ENT Paediatrics	- 353
General Surgery Paediatrics	- 44
Gynaecology Paediatrics	- 10
Ophthalmology paediatrics	- 86
Oral Surgery paediatrics	- 447
Plastic Surgery Paediatrics	- 55
Trauma and Orthopaedic paediatrics	- 152

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