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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 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 PANS PANDAS and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

FOI REQUEST:

In 2022 I sent you a FOI request asking how you treated conditions or probable or suspected conditions listed as i-iii) below?

- i) PANDAS (Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections)**
- ii) PANS (Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome)**
- iii) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions.**

Following this update from PANS PANDAS working group and press release in February 2023; please could you provide me with the following:

- 1) Tell me whether the Trust/ Hospitals treatment and diagnostic criteria has changed as a result of the working group statement.**

No

If it has, please can you send me the copies of the new policy/ procedure for treatment and diagnostic pathway.

Not applicable.

2) 2a) Please could you also provide for each condition or probable/ suspected condition

i)-iii) above the number of paediatric patients presenting with these conditions for each year for the past 1 year?

15 patients

2b) how many patients were referred to another service outside of the trust.

3 patients

3) Please could you provide me with any minutes of meetings which decided how patients are treated following the British Paediatric Neurology Association update on the working group in February 2023 and who made the decision to implement any changes.

None

4 4a) Whether the Trust/ Hospital has sought commissioning to treat this cohort of patients

No

4b) Who did it approach e.g ICB or NHSE and c) whether this was approved or rejected along with the reasons why or timescales for implementation if relevant.

Not applicable.

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