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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 21st March 2024 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 Cyber Security and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Where possible please provide data broken down by calendar year or failing that, by relevant 12-month period (e.g. 2021/22 2022/23 etc.) for which data is available.

1. How many times has your organisation experienced an attempted cyber-attack in the last two financial years?

It is not possible to answer this question as many attempted cyber-attacks are thwarted automatically.

2. Have you ever reported any cyber-related incidents to the NCSC and if so, how many in the last two financial years?

No

3. Thinking about cyber-attacks where the criminal was able to obtain data or disable systems, how much have these cost the organisation?

Not applicable

4. How much of the organisation's total annual budget is spent on cyber support, protection and computer systems?

The Trust does not do not hold a breakdown of the cyber security costs, an overall Health informatics spend is shown below:

- FY 2021-2022: £9,275,855
- FY 2022-2023: £10,716,245

5. How many people are employed by the organisation to oversee cyber support and programmes?

It is part of all of the Trust's IT Service's roll.

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.

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