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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 6th February 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.

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

1. Does the Trust currently commission any insourcing - as defined by NHS England below?

Insourcing is a term used to describe a range of medical and clinical services, which are deployed to utilise spare, out-of-hours capacity, typically at weekends, within a trust, in addition to the trusts existing provisions, with the intention to bolster service outputs and improve efficiency. Such services are typically provided by specialist medical or clinical providers who can provide the specialist capabilities required to deliver an end-to-end service, including clinical governance and oversight. These services are typically contracted for based on the required service outputs and are charged at or below the national tariff. Insourcing is not the deployment of temporary workers or the use of temporary staffing agencies to support with capacity and demand planning and the supply or management of temporary workers into the trust.

Yes

2. If Yes to Q1, which company / companies provide the Trust's insourcing?
3. Which clinical specialities does the Trust commission insourcing for?
4. What is the day list price for each speciality, where a list is defined as a full day?
5. How much has the Trust spent with these companies in the financial year 2023/24 to date?
6. What is the contract end date for each service?
7. Who are the commissioning leads for each speciality of insourcing in your Trust?
8. Was the service commissioned by a national insourcing procurement framework or Single Action Waiver?
9. If Single Action Waiver, what was the reason documented for the use of Single Action Waiver?

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

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

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