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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 12th June 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 Functional Neurological Disorder Diagnoses and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Statistics

1. The number of unique patients that have received a diagnosis of Functional Neurological Disorder in total.

76 unique patients with a primary diagnosis of F444 or G98X since 1st April 2011

2. The same as above but since 2020 (the start of the tax year to the end of this tax year)

60 unique patients with a primary diagnosis of F444 or G98X between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2024

3. The total number of unique outpatients seen during the same four year time period

There were 1067 new outpatients seen in the 4 year period with a specialty code of 400.

If your trust has a neurology service or department:

- 4. If applicable, the total number of outpatients seen for neurology during the same four year time period since 2020.**

The Trust does not have a Neurology department as this service is provided at Trust sites by other NHS Trusts; South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides the service out of Darlington Memorial Hospital and Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provide the service at University Hospital North Durham. For further information please contact either South Tees NHS Foundation Trust or Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following addresses:

The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:
Freeman Road
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
NE7 7DW

Link to FOI submission page: <https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/help/foi/>

South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:
Murray Building
The James Cook University Hospital
Marton Road
Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW
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Reporting

Note: 1a and 2a only apply if the answers to answers 1 or 2 respectively, are negative. I would also be grateful for yes/no answers where applicable.

- 1. Does the trust routinely record outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder onto their electronic recording system (which can later be queried electronically to ascertain this number)?**
a) If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely record this information for outpatients diagnosed with any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke (any kind)?

No the trust does not code Outpatient diagnosis

- 2. Does the trust routinely report the number of outpatient diagnoses of Functional Neurological Disorder to any other body (including NHS England, Government or any other third party) not including third parties which store or manage data on the trust's behalf such as the trust's IT firm. If so, to whom?**

a) If the above answer is no, then does the trust routinely report this information for any other neurological condition(s) such as stroke?

No as the trust does not code Outpatient diagnosis.

Treatment

The below are only applicable if your trust has a rehabilitation, reablement or neurology service.

The use of “treatment” refers to physiotherapy, psychology, orthosis, orthotics, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, vocational therapy, rehabilitation, holistic services, musculoskeletal injections and/or any other physical intervention. Advice or the provision of information including leaflets, booklets and web links/online content I have not classed as treatment for the purposes of these questions. If the only treatment offered is medication then also please state this.

- 1. Does the trust routinely provide inpatient treatment for FND?**
- 2. Does the trust routinely provide outpatient treatment for FND?**
- 3. Are these provided only within the local commissioning area or a nationwide service?**

For clarification, the use of “unique” above refers to patients that have received the same diagnosis twice only being counted once.

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.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