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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 January 2016 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the cataract surgery. Specifically you asked for:

1a) Does your Trust offer patients the option of paying for cataract surgery procedures (often referred to as ‘self-funding’ or ‘self-pay’), by which we mean cases NOT paid for by insurance companies but rather directly by individuals themselves)?

Yes	No
x	

1b) If yes to 1a, how many procedures were carried out and how many patients were treated in the last 12 months (for which data is available)?

	Number of procedures performed in last 12 months	Number of patients treated in the last 12 months
Self-funded cataract surgery	3	2

2a) If yes to 1a, what is the cost charged to patients for self-funded cataract surgery?

Answer: HRG Reference Cost plus Doctor's Fee.

Note: The Doctors fee varies, they set their own cost which the Trust invoice for and reimburse them.

2b) If yes to 1a, please provide your price list if available.

Answer: Please see attached list.

2c) If yes to 1a, please provide details of the payment methods accepted by your trust for self-funded cataract surgery (i.e. credit card, cash, bank transfer).

Debit Card	x
Credit Card	x
Cash	x
Bank transfer	x
Paypal	N/A
Other	N/A

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer