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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 26 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 hip implants revisions. Specifically you asked for:

I am seeking information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to hip implants.

Please provide the number of hip implant revisions the Trust has carried out in the last three years. For your information, a hip implant revision is the surgery carried out on someone who has previously had a hip replacement. The revision involves either resurfacing the device that was initially implanted or replacing it.

Answer: 2013 – 47

2014 – 55

2015 – 45

And, provided it does not exceed the cost limit, please provide information on the initial implant which had to be revised in the revision surgery - namely the type of implant (ie metal-on-metal, ceramic-on-metal etc etc) and the manufacturer.

Answer: The Trust does not centrally record this information. In order to collate this information a member of staff would need to manually search through hundreds of sets of patient records.

We are therefore refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen and a quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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
Cheshire
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