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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 January 2017 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 cost of flu treatment. Specifically you asked:

***a) How many people were admitted to Accident and Emergency with flu in each calendar year: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and; 2016?***

Answer: The Trust does not have a specific A&E Diagnosis code for Flu. The nearest is Infectious Disease and this would not provide an appropriate accurate result.

***b) What is the total financial cost for people presenting with flu at Accident and Emergency in each calendar year in answer to Question A?***

***Please provide this information broken down by calendar year, as follows: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015, and 2016? This should include all costs incurred to treat the illness during the patients stay at the hospital, including all staff salaries and any other medical treatment costs?***

Answer: The lowest level the Trust's coding structure goes to costing is Healthcare Resource Groups (HRG) which is determined by the reference cost groupers for those specific years and Flu does not have a specific HRG and therefore the cost associated with it cannot be determined.

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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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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