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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 March 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 delayed transfer of care. Specifically you asked for:

1. *I wish to be informed of the numbers of individual delayed transfers of care per month, from the acute Trust to social care occurring at Darlington Memorial Hospital for the 6 month period from 1st September 2016 to 28 February 2017.*

2. *I would like also to know if possible, the number of DTOC days and the cost per day and/or in total to the trust over the same period.*

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Answer: The Trust does not have a reporting system fully implemented to be able to gather the information requested. In order to gather the information required it would require a member of staff to manually examine thousands of sets of patient notes which would take a number of days. 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 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