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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 24 November 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 Healthcare packages. Specifically you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act please supply the following information on Continuing Healthcare packages provided to patients being treated at hospitals managed by your Trust.

2. How many patients died within hospital while awaiting the start of a NHS Continuing Healthcare care and support package in the financial years 2016/17, 2015/16 and 2014/15? Please could I have this information broken down by financial year?

3. How many patients in the last four financial years have waited more than a) one week b) one month to receive a care and support package after being found eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare? Please could I have this information broken down by financial year for the years 2016/17, 2015/16 and 2014/15?

4. What was the longest wait between a patient being found eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare and receiving a care and support package in the financial years 2016/17, 2015/16 and 2014/15? Please could I have this information broken down by financial year?

It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

CHC funding is the responsibility of the CCGs. The CCG should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following contact details:

Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Piper House
King Street
Darlington
DL3 6JL

Telephone: 01325 364271
Email: DARCCG.contact@nhs.net

North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group
The Rivergreen Centre
Aykley Heads
Durham
DH1 5TS

Telephone 0191 389 8600
Email: nduccg.northdurhamccg@nhs.net

Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG
Sedgefield Community Hospital
Salters Lane
Sedgefield
TS21 3EE

Tel: 0191-371 3222
Email: ddesccg.enquiries@nhs.net

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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DL3 6HX

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