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

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 January 2018 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 ophthalmology and images. Specifically you asked:

***Could you please confirm the following;***

***Response provided for 12 months from Jan-Dec 2017 or Waiting List snapshot dated 11/02/2018***

#### ***1. Ophthalmology***

##### ***a) Number of Out Patient referrals per month?***

Answer: Average 983 per month (includes GP and Non-GP referrals).

##### ***b) Number of Intravitreal injections conducted each month - % breakdown between Lucentis and Eylea?***

Answer: Average 86 per month, we are unable to breakdown to Lucentis and Eylea from Clinical Coding as the same injection code is used for both.

##### ***c) Number of Cataract patients on your waiting list?***

Answer: As at 11 February the waiting list snapshot was 643.

**d) Number of patients added to the inpatient / treatment list per month?**

Answer: As at 11 February the waiting list snapshot for the previous 31 days 1,881 additions.

**e) Number of Outpatients treated on an 18 week pathway?**

Answer: 8,748.

**f) Number of Inpatients treated on an 18 week pathway?**

Answer: 5,459.

**g) Number of outpatients on the waiting list for treatment under 18 weeks?**

Answer: 18,451.

**h) Number of outpatients on the waiting list for treatment who have waited over 18 weeks?**

Answer: 2,001.

**i) Number of patients who move from under to over 18 weeks each month?**

Answer:

| Return month | Ophthalmology waiters moving from Under 18 Weeks to Over 18 Weeks (From previous month return) |
|--------------|--|
| Dec-17       | 92   |
| Nov-17       | 61   |
| Oct-17       | 46   |
| Sep-17       | 70   |
| Aug-17       | 61   |
| Jul-17       | 75   |
| Jun-17       | 75   |
| May-17       | 45   |
| Apr-17       | 62   |
| Mar-17       | 68   |
| Feb-17       | 80   |
| Jan-17       | 99   |

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## **2. Reporting**

### **a) Number of Plain Film reports/ images completed by the Trust in 2015, 2016 and 2017?**

Answer Please see highlighted rows in spreadsheet attached.

Please note that the headings 'trust reported' and 'medica reported' are where the Trust has radiologist vacancies and insufficient capacity to report all our activity, as such, we outsource work to a private provider – Medica.

### **b) Number of General reports /images completed by the Trust in 2015 2016 and 2017?**

Answer: Please see spreadsheet attached.

Please note that the headings 'trust reported' and 'medica reported' are where the Trust has radiologist vacancies and insufficient capacity to report all our activity, as such, we outsource work to a private provider – Medica.

### **c) Spend on all General imaging for the Trust in 2017?**

Answer: The total net spend shown on the radiology department report for 2017 is £13,135,650. We do not account for the spend separately by modality.

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  
Darlington  
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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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
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