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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 February 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 the treatment of asthma patients. Specifically you asked for:

1. *In your Trust, in the past 3 months [latest 3 months available], how many asthma patients aged 18 and over have been treated?*

Answer: The patients coded with a primary diagnosis of Asthma (J45* or J46*) for Oct to Dec 2017 are:

18 + = 111

2. *How many paediatric asthma treated patients [aged 6-17] have been treated?*

Answer: The patients coded with a primary diagnosis of Asthma (J45* or J46*) for Oct to Dec 2017 are:

<6 Years = 20
6 to 17 = 48

3. How many severe asthmatic patients [BTS guidelines, step 4 or 5] have been treated?

Answer: The Trust does not record this data in a format that could easily provide the information requested, this would take over the permitted timescale within the Act. 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.

4. How many severe allergic asthma patients [severe persistent confirmed allergic IgE-mediated asthma OR severe persistent confirmed allergic eosinophilic asthma] have been treated with:

Answer:

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- Omalizumab [Xolair] - 15
- Mepolizumab [Nucala] - 3
- Reslizumab [Cinqaero]- 0
- Benralizumab [Fasenra]- 0
- Other [Please state] – 0

Darlington Memorial Hospital

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- Benralizumab [Fasenra]- 0
- Other [Please state] – 0

5. How many paediatric severe asthma patients treated with Xolair/omalizumab?

Answer: We do start these treatments, tertiary level care is at the Great North Children's Hospital.

6. How many asthma clinics are run per month?

Answer: No dedicated asthma clinics for adult patients. Paediatrics offer 114 paediatric respiratory / asthma clinics per year - by consultant and approx. 80 nurse led clinics.

7. What is the average number of severe asthma patients per clinic?

Answer: The Trust does not record this information.

**8. Do you treat non asthma patients with Omalizumab [Xolair]?
If yes, how many of for what condition?**

Answer: No.

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
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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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