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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 6 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 plain film reporting services. Specifically you asked for:

1. *What was the total spend on outsourcing plain film reporting services in 2015?*

Answer: £127,141

2. *What was the total spend on outsourcing plain film reporting services in 2016?*

Answer: £321,709

3. *What was the total spend on outsourcing plain film reporting services in 2017?*

Answer: £466,265

4. *What was the total number of plain film reports completed, from all referral sources (e.g. GP, Accident and Emergency, In Patients, Out Patients), by the Trust in 2015?*

Answer: Please see attached

5. *What was the total number of plain film reports completed, from all referral sources (e.g. GP, Accident and Emergency, In Patients, Out Patients), by the Trust in 2016?*

Answer: Please see attached

6. What was the total number of plain film reports completed, from all referral sources (e.g. GP, Accident and Emergency, In Patients, Out Patients), by the Trust in 2017?

Answer: Please see attached

7. What was the total number of plain film examinations that were outsourced (therefore reported by an external company) in 2015?

Answer: Please see attached

8. What was the total number of plain film examinations that were outsourced (therefore reported by an external company) in 2016

Answer: Please see attached

9. What was the total number of plain film examinations that were outsourced (therefore reported by an external company) in 2017?

Answer: Please see attached

10. What was the total number of CT and/or MRI reports completed by the Trust in 2015?

Answer: Please see attached

11. What was the total number of CT and/or MRI reports completed by the Trust in 2016?

Answer: Please see attached

12. What was the total number of CT and/or MRI reports completed by the Trust in 2017

Answer: Please see attached

13. What was the total number of CT and/or MRI examinations that were outsourced (therefore reported by an external company) in 2015?

Answer: Please see attached

14. What was the total number of CT and/or MRI examinations that were outsourced (therefore reported by an external company) in 2016?

Answer: Please see attached

15. What was the total number of CT and/or MRI examinations that were outsourced (therefore reported by an external company) in 2017?

Answer: Please see attached

16. What was the total spend on outsourcing CT and/or MRI reporting services in 2015?

Answer: £1,623,110

17. What was the total spend on outsourcing CT and/or MRI reporting services in 2016?

Answer: £1,760,551

18. What was the total spend on outsourcing CT and/or MRI reporting services in 2017?

Answer: £2,394,479

19. What was the average settlement paid to a patient in regards to a malpractice or clinical negligence claim for a misdiagnosed plain film report in 2017?

Answer: The NHS Resolution (formerly NHSLA) will need to provide the details with regard to total costs.

If you wish to contact the NHS Resolution in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact the Head of non-clinical claims via the following email address: steven.chahla@resolution.nhs.uk. Tel: 020 7811 2704.

20. What was the average settlement paid to a patient in regards to a malpractice or clinical negligence claim for a misdiagnosed CT and/or MRI report in 2017?

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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
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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