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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 12 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 an application to the Court of Protection. Specifically you asked for:

FOI on the treatment of patients who suffer from prolonged disorders of consciousness.

The request is that the Trust provides details of the costs it incurred in relation to an application to the Court of Protection (COP) in 2014. (Co Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust V PP Ors (2014) EWCOP 9) The Trust sought authority from the court not to provide artificial nutrition to PP, an 85 year old patient who was in a minimally conscious state, and further not to resuscitate her in the event of a respiratory or cardiac arrest. The matter came before the COP in June 2014 and the court made the declarations sought by the Trust.

Please provide details of all costs incurred by the Trust in making an application

In the even that information relating to this particular application is not available; please provide information as to the cost to the Trust of making such an application to the COP.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

I confirm that the costs were as follows:-

Our costs: £12,921.05

Disbursements: £11,563.56

Total cost: £24,484.61

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