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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 April 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 patients billed for care. On 28 April 2018 you asked for:

A list of each of the NHS patients within the Trust who have been billed for NHS care during the whole of the financial year of 2016-17 and any from the financial year 2017/18? Please do not include the billing of any EEA nationals, or private patients. If possible, please format the data in an excel spreadsheet and include:

- 1. Year of birth***
- 2. County of birth***
- 3. Nationality***
- 4. Sex***
- 5. Ethnicity***
- 6. Date of entry into the UK***
- 7. Amount billed***
- 8. Date billed***
- 9. Whether charging was deemed non-urgent, urgent or immediately necessary (if this is evident)***

Following your original request, on the 9 May 2018 you subsequently asked for a list of overseas patients within your Trust who have been billed for NHS care during the whole of the financial year of 2016-17, and any from the financial year 2017/18 that you currently have available.

Please do not include the billing of any EEA nationals, or private patients. If possible, please format the data in an excel spreadsheet and include only:

- 1. Year of birth**
- 2. Nationality**
- 3. Sex**
- 4. Amount invoiced**
- 5. Date invoiced**

If this is felt to be too much information to give out

1. Instead of year of birth, please provide whether they were born before (not including) 1971, or after?

2. Please indicate if their nationality is one of those listed below (this is a list of commonwealth states in 1971)?

Africa	Asia	Caribbean and Americas	Europe	Pacific
Botswana Gambia, The Ghana Kenya Lesotho Malawi Mauritius Nigeria Rwanda Sierra Leone South Africa Swaziland Uganda United Republic of Tanzania Zambia	Darussalam India Malaysia Pakistan Singapore Sri Lanka	Barbados Canada Guyana Jamaica Trinidad and Tobago	Cyprus Malta	Australia Fiji Nauru New Zealand Samoa Tonga

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Please see the attached table. Where there is no data, in order to gather the response information it would require a member of staff to manually examine hundreds of sets of patient notes which would take over the statutory 18 and a quarter hours.

Please note, as we do not have date of birth, even looking to see if the subjects were born after 1971 would take a number of days, however, nationalities are included.

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
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