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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 4 May 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 Contracts with Non-NHS providers of clinical services. Specifically you asked:

Please provide the following information for each of the three financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-8:

Clinical services

1) How many contracts with non-NHS providers of clinical services did CDD NHS Foundation Trust hold, either as the lead or co-ordinating commissioner or as an associate commissioner?

Answer: None – the Trust is a provider of NHS services rather than a commissioner.

2) As regards question 1, what are the names of the organisations, their role / function, the length of the contract and the contract price?

Answer: Not Applicable – please see the response to Question 1.

3) What percentage of the CDD NHS Foundation Trust budget is spent on non-NHS providers of clinical services, and what percentage is spent on your own in-house provision of clinical services?

Answer: As a provider of NHS Services, the majority of the Trust's budget is spent on the direct provision of clinical services under contracts with our commissioners.

The Trust uses independent sector providers to support provision of clinical services in some areas. Around 1.15% of our budget is spent with independent sector providers. The remainder of our budget, directly or indirectly, is spent on providing NHS services.

Non-clinical services

4) How many contracts with non-NHS providers of non-clinical services did CDD NHS Foundation Trust hold, either as the lead or co-ordinating commissioner or as an associate commissioner?

Answer: None – the Trust is a provider of NHS services rather than a commissioner.

5) As regards question 4, what are the names of the organisations, their role / function, the length of the contract and the contract price?

Answer: Not Applicable – please see the answer to Question 4 above.

6) What percentage of the CDD Foundation Trust budget is spent on non-NHS providers of non-clinical services, and what percentage is spent on your own in-house provision of non-clinical services?

Answer: Based on the definition of non-clinical services which you have quoted the principal non-NHS providers of the relevant services are our PFI contractors at University of North Durham Hospital (UHND), Bishop Auckland General Hospital (BAH) and Chester le Street Hospital (CLS). Payments to those providers are included in our annual accounts, which can be found at the link below. The Trust’s 2017/18 annual report and accounts will be published, on the same web page, in July 2018.

<https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/about-the-trust/annual-reports/annual-report-documents.aspx>

Any services such as administration, secretarial or management services are very small scale due to the Trust having its own bank staff arrangements.

External operational consultancy

7) What external non-NHS operational consultants have been contracted by CDD NHS Foundation Trust, together with their role / function, the length of the contract and the contract price?

Answer:

GATEWAY BUSINESS SERVICES LTD	15,713.95	Consultancy work with Programme Management Office and Operational Management Teams	5 months
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PAM FROST CONSULTANCY SERVICES	873.95	Guidance and support on the Sexual Health service specification	2 weeks
J STEEL	3,000.00	For assistance with the Scarborough AND Ryedale Tender Process	3 months
TENDERSUK	41,832.00	Community Services Contract BID Support	6 months

Procurement and commissioning

8) What are the costs incurred by the procurement, commissioning and contracting processes, for example, your own commissioning team and external personnel?

Answer: £309k.

As explained above, the Trust is not a commissioner but a provider of services. The costs quoted above relate to the Procurement Service used by the Trust, which is provided by a 100% owned subsidiary.

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
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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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer