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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 June 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 data collection for TARN. Specifically you asked for:

1. Does your organisation employ staff specifically to collect and submit data to the TARN database?

Answer: Yes.

2. If staff are employed specifically to collect data for TARN, what grade are these staff and how many hours per week are they employed?

Answer: 1 x staff member 18.75 per week, Band 4, at University Hospital of North Durham
1 x staff member 19.5 hours per week at Darlington Memorial Hospital

3. If staff are not employed specifically to collect data for TARN, who in your organisation collects this data?

Answer: N/A.

4. How many hours per week do these staff work specifically to collect and submit data to TARN?

Answer: Please see the answer to Question 2.

5. What method is used in your organisation to collect data for TARN?

Answer: Collect from Symphony and submit via Network. Informatics department use ICD10 codes and provide regular spreadsheets to highlight possible TARN cases. In addition symphony search are also conducted to minimise loss of data tracking through incorrect coding etc...

6. Do you have a process in your organisation to validate information before it is submitted to TARN. If you do how does this process work?

Answer: No. Validation is made via TARN headquarters in Manchester. This has proven to work well, e.g. DMH has only a 2-3% rejection rate yearly. This method of validation standard for all trust across the UK. Each submission is complex so internal validation would be very time consuming.

7. Does your organisation have a review process once reports have been published by TARN? How does this review process work and who is involved in the review?

Answer: Trauma lead clinician reviews all TARN reports and presents them at trauma MDT or Trauma committee meeting. Results usually also presented within ED at ED governance or senior teaching.

8. Has your organisation developed a rehabilitation prescription for use with trauma patients.

Answer: Uses the regional Rehab prescription but use is inconsistent.

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.

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The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113
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Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer