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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 13 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 Biological and biosimilar medicines. Specifically you asked for:

***1 - In your Trust, how much did you spend on Biological and biosimilar medicines, in the past financial year ending April 2018?***

Answer: £11,396,355

***2 – Have you developed a policy on how prescribers can switch their patients to biosimilars and support them in making informed choices to save resources?***

Answer: No

***3 – Do you have any specific plans in place for the launch of biosimilar Adalimumab later in 2018?***

Answer: Yes

***4 – Are there any agreements in place between you the Provider and CCG that would enable savings in drug costs to be made? (For example, Gainshare agreements where the benefits associated with more efficient use of medicines not reimbursed through national prices is shared between the Provider and the Clinical Commissioning Group party to the agreement. This included agreements for the switch to biosimilar products)***

Answer: No

**5 – Are there any other agreements with a CCG, not included in the above, for the following services?**

Answer: No

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  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer