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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 27 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 Bariatric equipment. Specifically you asked for:

1) *Please state the gross amount spent by your Trust on equipment to handle obese patients in each of the following financial years:*

- i) 2013/14***
- ii) 2014/15***
- iii) 2015/16***
- iv) 2016/17***
- v) 2017/18***
- vi) 2018/19 to 15.06.18***

Answer: With regards to the answers to question 1 and question 2 the Trust does not hold this information/would not be able to provide an accurate answer as the Procurement Department do not necessarily identify equipment purchased as being for bariatric patients. The Finance Department would not always identify bariatric need as a reason for purchasing an item. Also, any item less than £5k (capital treatment limit) could be bought from departmental budgets and would not be captured to our equipment registers.

2) Please list all equipment to handle obese patients purchased by your Trust in each of the following financial years, including the number of units of each purchased where available.

- i) 2013/14**
- ii) 2014/15**
- iii) 2015/16**
- iv) 2016/17**
- v) 2017/18**
- vi) 2018/19 to 15.06.18**

Answer: Please see the answer to question 1

3) Please state the number of obese spaces in your mortuary at the end of each of the following financial years:

- i) 2013/14**
- ii) 2014/15**
- iii) 2015/16**
- iv) 2016/17**
- v) 2017/18**
- vi) 2018/19 to 15.06.18**

Answer:

At DMH all years prior to and including financial year 2016/17:
Walk-in cold store, in which we would place up to three trays on viewing trolleys.

DMH new mortuary, from financial year 2017/18:
24 bariatric fridge spaces.

UHND mortuary:
5 fridges that can take bariatric patients

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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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer