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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 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 clinical negligence protocol. Specifically you asked for:

Each year you kindly supply us with some information about clinical negligence claims. I wonder if we could trouble you to update it by answering this Freedom of Information request.

Please could you let us know for the year ending 5th April 2018 the following:

Please find the information below as requested. The data provided is to the end of the Trust's financial year (31 March 2018.)

- 1. The number of requests for medical records pursuant to the Clinical Negligence Protocol you received.***

Answer: 198

- 2. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the most requests and how many was that?***

Answer: Fletchers with 20 requests

- 3. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the second most requests and how many was that?***

Answer: Irwin Mitchell with 13 requests

4. ***Which Firm of Solicitors sent the third most requests and how many was that?***

Answer: Longden Walker & Renney with 12 requests

5. ***The number of formal letters of claim pursuant to the Clinical Negligence Protocol you received.***

Answer: 114

6. ***Which Firm of Solicitors sent the most letters of claim and how many was that?***

Answer: Fletchers with 16 LoC

7. ***Which Firm of Solicitors sent the second most letters of claim and how many was that?***

Answer: Irwin Mitchell with 15 LoC

8. ***Which Firm of Solicitors sent the third most letters of claim and how many was that?***

Answer: BHP Law with 7 LoC

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
SK9 5AF

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