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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 July 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 hip replacements. Specifically you asked for:

FOI REQUEST:

1. Please can you tell me whether the Trust allows patients to self-fund for any of the following procedures?

- a) Hip replacements***
- b) Knee replacements***
- c) Cataracts***

Answer: The Trust does not allow self-funding

2. If yes to all or part of question 1, please can you tell me how much the trust charges for:

- a) hip replacements***
- b) knee replacements***
- c) cataracts***

Answer: N/A

(please provide fees for any of the procedures which can be self-funded at the trust)

3. Please state the average waiting time (as of May 2018) for patients who self-fund for

- a) hip replacements**
- b) knee replacements**
- c) cataracts**

Answer: N/A

4. Please state the average waiting time (as of May 2018) for patients who have the following treatments provided by the NHS at the Trust:

- a) hip replacements**
- b) knee replacements**
- c) cataracts**

Please supply the RTT waiting time.

Answer: We have set out below the full patient Referral to Treatment pathway (includes the outpatient element)

- Hip Replacement – 19 weeks (133 days)
- Knee Replacement – 21 Weeks (147 days)
- Cataract – 19 Weeks (133 days)

5. Has the Trust always enabled patients to self-fund or has it only been introduced recently, e.g. past five years? I understand this may be difficult to answer.

Answer: N/A

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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer