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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 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 disorders of sex development. Specifically you asked for:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information is for a research project examining Disorders of Sex Development in the UK.

We seek information about the evaluation and care given to those with Disorders of Sex Development. We are interested in the procedures carried out by the Trust, and how far international standards of best practice are being engaged with.

We have put together a list of questions, which we would be grateful if you could answer in this order:

- 1. Who provides expert evaluation of gender assignment in newborns with Disorders of Sex Development?***
- 2. Does the Trust use a multidisciplinary team that deals with the evaluation and long-term management and needs of patients with Disorders of Sex Development?***
- 3. If yes to question 2, can you provide contact details for the team?***
- 4. What specialties are represented on the multidisciplinary team (e.g. paediatric subspecialists in endocrinology, surgery, and/or urology,***

psychology/psychiatry, gynaecology, genetics, neonatology, and, if available, social work, nursing, and medical ethics)? Please list them.

5. When dealing with Disorders of Sex Development, what guidelines, if any, do decision makers follow?

6. How many people are referred to this team per year (please give numbers for the last five years)?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

We do not provide this service at County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust. Referrals are made to specialist team at The Great North Children's Hospital (GNCH) at the RVI in Newcastle or beyond as required.

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