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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 20 August 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 the Viscosupplementation injections. Specifically you asked:

1) Does your organisation use/perform Viscosupplementation injections?

Answer: Yes.

2) How much has your organisation spent in the financial year 2017/18 on Viscosupplementation on each product out of the following list:

Answer:

2017-2018	Total Cost
<i>Arhtrum H,</i>	0
<i>Cingal,</i>	0
<i>Durolane,</i>	0
<i>Euflexxa,</i>	0
<i>Fermathron,</i>	0
<i>Orthovisc,</i>	0
<i>Ostenil,</i>	0
<i>Ostenil Plus,</i>	£10,630.34

<i>RenehaVis,</i>	0
<i>Suplasyn,</i>	0
<i>Synocrom,</i>	0
<i>Synocrom Mini,</i>	0
<i>Synolis, Monovisc,</i>	0
<i>Synopsis,</i>	0
<i>Synvisc (Hylan G-F20),</i>	0

3) Which brand(s) Viscosupplemenetation have been used in the financial year 2017/18 out of the following list:

Answer:

2017-2018	
<i>Arhtrum H,</i>	No
<i>Cingal,</i>	No
<i>Durolane,</i>	No
<i>Euflexxa,</i>	No
<i>Fermathron,</i>	No
<i>Orthovisc,</i>	No
<i>Ostenil,</i>	No
<i>Ostenil Plus,</i>	Yes
<i>RenehaVis,</i>	No
<i>Suplasyn,</i>	No
<i>Synocrom,</i>	No
<i>Synocrom Mini,</i>	No
<i>Synolis, Monovisc,</i>	No
<i>Synopsis,</i>	No
<i>Synvisc (Hylan G-F20),</i>	No

4) Which brand(s) Viscosupplementation do you have listed on the hospital formulary out of the following list:

Answer:

2017-2018	
<i>Arthrum H,</i>	No
<i>Cingal,</i>	No
<i>Durolane,</i>	No
<i>Euflexxa,</i>	No
<i>Fermathron,</i>	No
<i>Orthovisc,</i>	No
<i>Ostenil,</i>	No
<i>Ostenil Plus,</i>	No
<i>RenhaVis,</i>	No
<i>Suplasyn,</i>	No
<i>Synocrom,</i>	No
<i>Synocrom Mini,</i>	No
<i>Synolis, Monovisc,</i>	No
<i>Synopsis,</i>	No
<i>Synvisc (Hylan G-F20),</i>	No

5) Which departments in your hospital use Viscosupplementation?

Ostenil Mini (10mg syringe) usage from 1st April 2018 is:

Bishop Auckland Theatres	20 syringes
Darlington Theatres	4 syringes

Ostenil Plus (40mg syringe) usage from 1st April 2018 is:

Bishop Auckland Outpatients	3 syringes
Bishop Auckland Theatres	12 syringes
Chester-Le-Street Outpatients	1 syringe
Darlington Medical Day Unit	4 syringes
Darlington Ortho Outpatients	3 syringes

Darlington Surgical Outpatients	1 syringe
Darlington Theatres	3 syringes
Durham Outpatients	3 syringes
Richardson Hospital Outpatients	2 syringes
Sedgefield Day Unit	1 syringe
Durham Ortho/Plastics	6 syringes

6) What is your current pathway for knee osteoarthritis patients

Answer: Knee Osteoarthritis pathway, from the point at which the patient hits OA service:

Choose and Book referral from GP/MSK, seen in clinic with appropriate imaging (usually plain weight bearing radiographs). Management thereafter depends on symptoms/ X-ray appearances. i.e. from activity modification and advice through pain killers/NSAIDS, steroid injection up to some form of joint replacement. Arthroscopy is rarely if ever indicated in Osteoarthritis.

7) Do you have a community MSK service, if yes who is that contracted to?

Answer: MSK community service is County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield. Connect for Darlington.

8) What is the current waiting list for Total Knee Replacement in your organisation for the financial year 2017/18

Answer: 242 patients on the waiting list

9) Has the organisation incurred any fines for breach of the Total Knee Replacement waiting list in 2017/18

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
Darlington, DL3 6HX

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
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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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