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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 4 October 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 Motor Neurone Disease. Specifically you asked for:

Freedom of Information Request

I'm contacting you regarding an NIHR-funded research programme, which is looking at the nutritional management of people with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). You can find out more information about this here: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/scharr/sections/dts/ctru/highcals>.

As part of the research we would like to request the following information from your organisation to find out more about the current structure and commissioning of MND services across the UK.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Services

1. What is your NHS organisation's catchment population?

Answer: Approximately 600,000 people

2. Does your organisation provide healthcare services for people diagnosed with MND?

Answer: No

3. If no, where do patients with MND in your catchment population access healthcare services? If your organisation does not provide healthcare services for people diagnosed with MND, please go to question 15.

Answer: All patients with MND in the region are seen at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle or James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough.

4. If yes, what is your NHS organisation's catchment population for MND services (if different to Q1)?

Answer: N/A

5. How many newly diagnosed patients with MND were referred to the organisation in each of the last three years?

- a. 2017
- b. 2016
- c. 2015

Answer: N/A

6. What is the total number of patients with MND that are currently receiving healthcare from your organisation?

Answer: N/A

7. Is your organisation a specialist care centre for MND?

Answer: N/A

8. In your organisation, where do patients with MND access services e.g. hospital inpatient services, hospital outpatient services, community clinics, domiciliary visits?

Answer: N/A

9. In your organisation, are patients with MND seen in specialist clinics?

Answer: N/A

10. If yes,

- a. Where are the MND specialist clinics in your organisation held?**
- b. How often are the MND specialist clinics in your organisation held?**
- c. How often are patients routinely reviewed in the MND specialist clinics?**

Answer: N/A

MND Healthcare Team

11. Who leads the MND services in your organisation (job title)?

Answer: N/A

12. In your organisation, which jobs (f.t.e) are specifically funded to provide healthcare for people with MND, e.g. MND clinical lead, MND specialist nurse, MND specialist dietitian?

Answer: N/A

13. Is there a multidisciplinary team (MDT) that provides care to patients with MND in your organisation?

Answer: N/A

14. If yes, which professional roles are members of the MDT?

Answer: N/A

MND Dietetic Services

15. In your organisation how many full time equivalent dietetic posts do you have?

Answer: 27 wte

16. Do you have dietetic posts that are specifically funded for MND services

Answer: No

17. If yes,

- a. How many full time equivalent posts do you have?**
- b. What grade are they?**

Answer N/A

18. If no, which dietitians see patients with MND? Please list all posts including their job title and grade.

Answer: Depends on clinical intervention. If feeding tube in situ – Home Enteral Feeding team (band 6/7 dietitian), other clinical interventions will be seen by general dietetic team (depending on patient choice of clinic / home visit requirement could be seen by band 5 /6 /7 dietitian)

19. In your organisation,

a. How many new patients with MND were seen by the dietetic service in each of the last three years, and where were they seen?

<i>Year</i>	<i>Hospital inpatient</i>	<i>Hospital outpatient</i>	<i>Domiciliary visit</i>	<i>Community clinic</i>	<i>Other (please state)</i>
2017					
2016					
2015					

Answer: Data not collected

b. How many review contacts for patients with MND were seen by the dietetic service in each of the last three years, and where were they seen?

<i>Year</i>	<i>Hospital inpatient</i>	<i>Hospital outpatient</i>	<i>Domiciliary visit</i>	<i>Community clinic</i>	<i>Other (please state)</i>
2017					
2016					
2015					

Answer: Data not collected

c. How many dietetic patients contacts (new and review) were for oral nutrition support, and how many were for artificial nutrition support, in each of the last three years?

Answer: Data provided for adult services only.

	<i>All healthcare settings</i>		<i>Hospital settings (in-patients and out-patients) Referrals</i>		<i>Community settings (clinics and domiciliary visits)</i>	
<i>Year</i>	<i>Oral nutrition support</i>	<i>Artificial nutrition support</i>	<i>Oral nutrition support</i>	<i>Artificial nutrition support</i>	<i>Oral nutrition support</i>	<i>Artificial nutrition support</i>
2017	Nutrition support referrals 4802		13514 inpatient Nutrition support contacts	Not possible to extract data from home enteral feeding to clinic level		248
2016	Nutrition support referrals 4999		12290 inpatient Nutrition support contacts	Not possible to extract data from home enteral feeding to clinic level		284
2015	Nutrition support referrals 3919		8510 inpatient Nutrition support contacts	Not possible to extract data from home enteral feeding to clinic level		298

Commissioning of MND Nutrition Services

- 20. Where does the funding come from for services for patients with MND in your locality?**
- 21. Which organisations and departments are involved in each stage of the commissioning process of nutritional services for patients with MND in your locality:**

- a. Strategic planning (assessing needs, reviewing service provisions, deciding priorities)**
- b. Procuring services (designing services, shaping structure of supply, planning capacity and managing demand)**
- c. Delivery of services (which department and where are they located?)**
- d. Monitoring and evaluation (supporting patient choice, managing performance, seeking public and patient views)**

22. Where does the funding come from for nutritional services for patients with MND (e.g. nutrition and dietetics service) in your locality?

Answer: Questions 21 to 23 - The Trust are a NHS Provider of Acute and Community Services and therefore are unable to answer these questions which relate to the Commissioning of MND Nutrition Services and therefore suggest these questions are raised with our host commissioning organisations.

If you wish to contact them, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact the organisations via the following email addresses:

Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG
Email: desccg.foi@nhs.net

Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Email: DARCCG.contact@nhs.net.

North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group
Email: nduccg.northdurhamccg@nhs.net

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
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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