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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 20 November 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 cost of stolen medical equipment. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. What is the total cost of medical equipment that has been stolen in the last three years?

Answer: The Trust does not record this, we have provided a breakdown of the incidences recorded in our reporting system for the period requested. Please see the spreadsheet attached.

2. What is the total cost of replacing medical equipment that has been stolen each year for the last three years?

Answer: The Trust does not centrally record this.

3. What is the most expensive piece of equipment that has been stolen each year for the last three years?

Answer: As above, the Trust does not record this, we have provided a breakdown of the incidences recorded in our reporting system for the period requested. Please see the spreadsheet attached.

4. How many operations have been cancelled as a result of medical equipment being stolen in the past three years?

Answer: It would take the Trust a number of days to gather the information requested. Therefore we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen and quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

5. What is the total cost of these operations being cancelled as a result of stolen medical equipment?

Answer: Please see the answer to question 4 above.

Please provide a yearly breakdown for each question for the last three years (2016, 2017 and 2018)?

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
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