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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 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 cost of arts in the Trust. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Request for information from the Trust on their annual spend on arts and health over the Trust for the last 5 years:

Art and health covers art therapy, purchasing of art for display, loaning artworks costs, anything that involves the use of art within the Trust.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust has had no expenditure relating to arts in the last five years. The Trust has been involved in a number of art projects; however, these have been through donations or partnerships with local colleges/students with no cost involved.

We have art work that has been gifted for us to sell to raise funds for the Chemotherapy Unit in UHND – in celebration of our NHS 70th we have an exhibition planned but that is also gifted by Durham University. All other works have been through donations and volunteer time

We have had arts and crafts gifts from Asda, their community champion visits once per month and brings supplies with her, which she then leaves for use in the ward.

We have also obtained funding from Finlay Cooper Foundation for Arts & Crafts materials for the children's wards (£998.00)

We have also had limited expenditure on arts and crafts materials within the Charity Team for notices at events and community activities, none of these exceed £20 which were claimed on expenses.

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
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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