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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 January 2019 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 prescriptions for Ketamin or Fentanyl. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. *How many prescriptions were given out to patients under the age of 18 for Ketamin or Fentanyl in 2018?*

Answer: Zero.

2. *How many prescriptions were given out to patients under the age of 18 for Ketamin or Fentanyl in 2017?*

Answer: Zero.

3. *How many prescriptions were given out to patients under the age of 18 for Ketamin or Fentanyl in 2016?*

Answer: Zero.

4. *If these drugs are not prescribed please could I have the details for the number of children administered with the drugs by hospital staff in the years; 2018, 2017, 2016?*

Answer: It would require a manual examination of patient notes in order to gather the information requested. A member of staff would need to obtain a list of all inpatients from CAMIS, then review the scanned medical records of all of them on ECDM which would take a number of days. As the Trust does not record this data in a format that

could easily provide the information requested, this would take over the permitted timescale within the Act 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.

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