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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 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 adult emergency and elective inpatients. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to kindly request the information you hold on the following, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2000:

1) The total number of adult emergency and elective inpatient beds across the Trust, excluding maternity (and paediatric) beds.

Answer: With exclusions specified the Trust has 834 beds as at January 2019

2) The total number of adult emergency and elective ‘inpatient episodes’ within the most recently recorded 12 month period, excluding maternity (and paediatric) episodes.

Answer: 2. Total Inpatient FCEs for January to December 2018 for patients aged 16 and over excluding Maternity and Paediatric FCEs = 91,476

3) The number of emergency and elective ‘inpatient episodes’ belonging to adults aged 65 years or over, within the most recently recorded 12 month period.

Answer: 3. Total Inpatient FCEs for January to December 2018 for patients aged 65 and over = 48,273

4) Of the number of emergency and elective 'inpatient episodes' belonging to adults aged 65 years or over within the most recently recorded 12 month period, how many of these required a domiciliary social care package to be implemented prior to discharge?

Answer: The Trust does not record the data in a way that would identify these discharges specifically. To supply the number would require the review of patient notes which 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 a quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

5) The sum of the number of days each inpatient bed was occupied by an adult aged 65 years or over whilst he/she was deemed 'medically fit for discharge' but was unable to be discharged due to inadequate social care provision, in the most recently recorded 12 month period. (Please give data separately for each emergency and elective bed types if readily available, otherwise combined data is acceptable).

Answer: Total days a Medically Fit for Discharge adult 65 years or over Delayed Discharge due to inadequate social care provision for January to December 2018 = 118 (unable to split elective and emergency)

6) The average cost of an inpatient bed occupied by an adult aged 65 years or over, per 24 hour period, for each emergency and elective beds (or emergency and elective beds combined if separate data is not readily available).

Answer: The Trust is unable to provide an accurate figure as the spend is not based on age profile.

7) The name(s) and email address(s) of the Trust's 'Lead Discharge Co-ordinator(s)'.

Answer: Norman Devlin - Senior Nurse Integrated Discharge – Trustwide.
norman.devlin@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
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