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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 24 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 podiatry/ orthotics. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. Does your organisation have its own podiatry orthotic insole manufacturing department or team?

Answer: Yes.

a) If yes, do they manufacture semi bespoke insoles utilising prefabricated shells as the base?

Answer: Yes.

b) If a prefabricated device is used in semi bespoke work what is the device of choice?

Answer: Choice depends on requirements of device – but most often Algeos Orthashell or TalarMade RSO.

c) If there is a manufacturing team what is the size of that team?

Answer: Yes, one.

d) If you have a manufacturing department what equipment does the team have to aid in the manufacturing of Podiatry orthotic devices?

Answer: Belt grinder, oven, fume cupboard, heat gun.

2. If your organisation does not manufacture orthotic insoles does the podiatry department have a tender or contract in place with an outside company for the provision of podiatry orthotic devices?

Answer: Currently regional contract in place. Utilises County Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust orthotic services (contract with Peacocks).

3. If the manufacturing of your devices is outsourced, what company currently supplies your devices?

Answer: Peacocks Medical.

4. If there is a tender or contract in place, when does this tender come to an end?

Answer: Yes, 1st February 2019.

5. How many pairs of insoles are your patients entitled to on the NHS?

Answer: Max of 2 per year.

6. Can you provide any information you have on quantities of bespoke, semi bespoke, simple/flatbed and off the shelf devices that have been prescribed in the financial years 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19 (so far)?

Answer: This Information is not collected/ available.

7. What has been the total spend on podiatry orthotic devices for the financial years 16/17, 17/18, 18/19 (so far)?

Answer:

- 2016/17: £9,742
- 2017/18: £6,768
- 2018/19 (Apr 18 – Jan 19): £3,243

8. What are the lead/turnaround times from your podiatry orthotic supplier, whether it is in house manufacturing or outsourced?

Answer: 3-4 weeks.

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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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer