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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 February 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 asthma service. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. *How many i) specialist Adult respiratory specialists (i.e. on the specialist register) and ii) how many paediatric respiratory specialist (i.e. on the specialist register) does your Trust employ?***

Answer: The Trust has 8.0 WTE adult respiratory consultants on specialist register and 4.0 WTE paediatric respiratory consultants on specialist register.

- 2. *How many i) specialist Adult respiratory specialist nurses and ii) how many paediatric respiratory specialist nurses does your Trust employ?***

Answer: The Trust has 13.5 WTE adult specialist respiratory nurses (includes sleep and cancer) and 1.85 WTE on paediatric register.

- 3. *Does your Trust provide a specialist asthma service? for***
 - i) Adults and***
 - ii) Children?***

If yes, are these

- i) run by Respiratory specialist paediatricians / and***
- ii) adult physicians (.i.e. on the specialist respiratory register?)***

If yes, please provide the annual cost associated with running these services.

Answer: No, this service is provided by Tertiary Services.

4. Please provide a figure for the total adult and Paediatric (Children and Young People 0-18) (CYP) population served by the Trust?

Answer: 600,000.

5. Please provide the number of emergency department and urgent care centre attendances (Child and CYP) related to “asthma” in each of the last 5 full financial years (up to 2017/18), broken down by financial year?

Answer: Accident and Emergency Attendances related to Asthma: ages 0-18

Financial year	Attendances
2013/2014	426
2014/2015	436
2015/2016	466
2016/2017	488
2017/2018	448

6. Please provide the number of admissions related to “asthma” for the same time periods?

Answer: Admissions related to Asthma (primary Diagnosis) - all ages and admission types

Financial year	All Admissions
2013/2014	479
2014/2015	577
2015/2016	516
2016/2017	538
2017/2018	569

7. What is the Trust’s annual spend on Salbutamol inhalers and preventer asthma inhalers? Most recent figure is fine.

Answer: Please note, the Trust is unable to identify spend just for Asthma so these figures include the treatment of COPD

Figures are for Feb-18 to Jan-19

Salbutamol: £8,644
Preventer Inhalers: £73,034

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.

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The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
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Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer