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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 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 disposable nappies. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I would like to request the following information from your antenatal, maternity, midwife, post-natal and family services departments under the Freedom Information Act 2000.

For the financial year 2018/19 or the calendar year 2018-2019, whichever is more convenient, please provide the following information.

1. Do you distribute any free promotional disposable nappies (such as Pampers) or reusable nappies to parents at any services, including (but not exhaustive of) antenatal, maternity, midwife, post-natal and family services? If the answer is yes to 1, please answer questions 2-7.

Answer: Bounty provides bounty bags for mothers following delivery, there are 2 Nappies provided within the pack- Pampers.

2. Which disposable or reusable nappy brand do you allow to distribute their promotional nappies?

Answer: Pampers as part of the Bounty packs.

3. Which services are they distributed at and how many parents use these facilities annually?

Answer: They are distributed to the maternity unit. During 2018 within the University Hospital of North Durham (UHND) we had 2,748 deliveries. For Darlington Memorial Hospital (DMH) approximately 1,900 deliveries annually.

4. How frequently a year have these disposable or reusable nappy brands been able to distribute their promotional material at these services?

Answer: Bounty bags are available every day throughout the year as long as stock permits.

5. What is the process for allowing disposable or reusable nappy brands to distribute at your services and who signs it off?

Answer: Through approval from the Head of Midwifery

6. Is there any remuneration for the NHS from these disposable or reusable nappy brands for distributing their promotional material?

Answer: Yes, there is remuneration for the NHS for using Bounty Products

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

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Freedom of Information Officer