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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 22 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 ambulatory cardiac monitoring. Specifically you requested information as follows:

If you cover more than one hospital, please provide the following information for each of the hospitals covered under your Trust broken down individually

The questions are in relation to ambulatory cardiac monitoring which is carried out only in the hospital setting to include any of the following day case, elective tariff, outpatients

The data below covers University Hospital of North Durham, Shotley Bridge Hospital, Bishop Auckland Hospital and Darlington Memorial Hospital as the data is held on one single information system and cross site working and use of equipment is in effect. Multi-site contracting is also in effect with respect to costs.

Please supply details of the following:

- 1. Can you confirm which modalities the hospital has at its disposal for ambulatory cardiac monitoring i.e. how many Holter Monitors does the hospital own etc.?***

Answer: The Trust owns 53 Lifecards and 18 Rtests.

- 2. Can you provide the costs of each modality i.e. for Holter Monitoring please provide the number of Holter Monitors at the Hospital, the purchase cost of each Holter Device, any costs associated with maintenance of the monitor such as, battery replacement, servicing etc.?**

Answer: Lifecards £1,700 - £1,900 each, Rtest £1,883 each.
Servicing contract: £7,746 per annum.

- 3. In the financial year 2017/2018 how, many patients were monitored using each modality i.e. ECG, Holters, Reynolds Lifecard, Cardiomemo Loop, etc.?**

Answer:

24hr Holter:	3096
48hr Holter:	314
72hr Holter:	0
7 day Holter:	413
7 day event recorder:	113

- 4. How many patients had Implantable Loop Recorders fitted in the financial year 2017/18?**

Answer: 105.

- 5. Is the ambulatory cardiac monitoring in the hospital provided on a National Tariff or Block Contract?**

Answer: Neither.

- 6. In the financial year 2017/18 how many palpitation patients underwent cardiac rhythm monitoring in the hospital?**

Answer: This data is not collected.

- 7. In the financial year 2017/18 how many syncope patients underwent cardiac rhythm monitoring in the hospital?**

Answer: This data is not collected.

- 8. In the financial year 2017/18 how many cryptogenic stroke patients underwent cardiac rhythm monitoring in the hospital?**

Answer: This data is not collected.

9. In the financial year 2017/18 what was the total spend per modality for cardiac rhythm management – to include acquisition costs and maintenance / running costs

Answer: This data is not collected.

10. In the financial year 2017/18 how many referrals from primary care were received for cardiac rhythm monitoring

Answer: There is no direct access cardiac rhythm monitoring service for primary care.

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
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Wycliffe House
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer