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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 March 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 migrant patients under 18 years. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***Can you please provide me with the following information from October 2017 to the most recently available data:***

- 1. The number of migrant patients under the age of 18 whose parents/guardians were charged upfront for treatment after the children were deemed ineligible for free healthcare. Please could you give the nature of the health problems (e.g. cancer, arrhythmia etc.?)***
- 2. The amount charged in each case.***
- 3. Which children in 1 did not proceed with the intended treatment after their parents were asked to pay?***
- 4. The number of children in 2 whose parents did not have the means to pay the charges.***

### **County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust collect information of charges and appointment cancellations for Overseas Visitors, but unfortunately, this does not include the age of the patient or the nature of the Health problem. We are, therefore, unable to provide this information.

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  
Cheshire  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**