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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 2 April 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 wheelchair services. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I have recently raised a freedom of information request with NHS North Durham CCG regarding their Wheelchair service. They responded, advising that this request should be made directly with yourselves.

Please can you arrange for the following CCG to respond to the below freedom of information request: -

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Please supply the following information about your Wheelchair service for NHS North Durham CCG:

- 1. Is your Wheelchair service procured as a separate service, or is it combined with other services such as Community Equipment, Prosthetics etc. If so, which services is it combined with?***
- 2. Is your wheelchair service procured as an integrated wheelchair service (i.e. Assessments and approved repair in one contract) or separately as different contracts?***
- 3. Is your provider / providers an NHS organisation or a contracted out non NHS organisation?***

4. ***What is the name of your current Wheelchair Services provider – or if Approved Repair and Assessments are provided separately, what are the names of the providers for each service?***
5. ***Is your wheelchair service exclusive to your CCG?***
6. ***If your service is combined with another CCG please provide a list of the CCGs that share this wheelchair service and confirm who is the lead CCG?***
7. ***When was each part of your wheelchair service (Assessment, Approved Repair, or integrated) last tendered?***
8. ***When does the current contract expire. Please provide details of any potential contract extensions?***
9. ***Please provide the date this Wheelchair service will be next tendered?***

About your Wheelchair service

10. ***What is the size of the population covered by your wheelchair service?***
11. ***How many registered users are served by the Wheelchair Service?***
12. ***What is the contract spend in the last financial year for the integrated Wheelchair service?***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

As your request stands the Trust does not procure for NHS North Durham CCG. North Durham CCG should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following link:

<https://www.northdurhamccg.nhs.uk>

The Trust would like to advise you that if you wish to alter the wording of your request to reflect the wheelchair services provided by the Trust we can of course process that for you in accordance with the Act.

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
Darlington
DL3 6HX

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
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer