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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 May 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 unlicensed cannabis based products. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

I have two requests that are as follows:

- 1. Please list the unlicensed cannabis based medical products you have approved for prescription by consultants (on the General Medical Council's specialist register), in your NHS Acute (Hospital) Trust's area on an NHS prescription to their patients. ('Unlicensed' refers to the medicine not having received Market Approval in the UK by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency and it not being listed in Schedule 4 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001).***

Answer: The Trust does not have any unlicensed cannabis containing medicines on our formulary; however we would not add them to formulary as patient numbers of less than 3 a year would be considered on an individual basis

- 2. Please state the number of prescriptions that have been issued within your NHS Trust's area for the following cannabis based medical products since 01/11/2018:***

- Nabiximols (Sativex). Product code: PL 18024/0009***

- ***Cannabidiol (Epidiolex). Product code: N/A.***

There have been 2 prescriptions dispensed for the Trust since November 2018 for Sativex.

Please note that this data is up to 31 March 2019 as April and May have not been released.

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
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