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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 June 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 the specialist stroke unit. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please provide a list of the hospitals within the remit of the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust which have a Specialist Stroke Unit (by which we mean a stroke unit with a 24 hours a day / 7 days a week available team with access to a scanner and operator capable of triage for thrombotic / haemorrhagic stroke identification and location, presence of readily available infusion products and neurologist on call and follow up care).

In respect of each Specialist Stroke Unit on the list that you provide, please include:

1. The address for the Stroke Unit?

Answer: Ward 2, University Hospital of North Durham (UHND), North Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5TW

2. Their emergency telephone number (or, where there is no such number available, a telephone number for the hospital switchboard on which the relevant Stroke Unit may be contacted); and

Answer: 0191 333 2333 UHND switchboard

3. If the capability to use surgical techniques to remove some thromboses via catheter is available in the relevant Specialist Stroke Unit (or if only available in

certain more specialised stroke units please identify the units where such techniques are available)?

Answer: UHND does not offer a surgical technique to remove thrombosis, the tertiary centre for mechanical thrombectomy is The Royal Victoria Infirmary (RVI), Newcastle-Upon-Tyne who provides this service.

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