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Email only

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 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 breast cancer. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***I wish to make a series of separate requests under the Freedom of Information Act. For convenience, I am including them in the same email. Please treat each as a separate request under the terms of the Act, although please do respond in one correspondence if convenient. The requests are as follows:***

***Request 1: Please confirm or deny if County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the number of people diagnosed in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust with early breast cancer in each year from 2013 to 2018?***

Answer: The Trust can confirm that we hold information on the number of people diagnosed in the Trust with early breast cancer in each year from 2013 to 2018.

***If confirm, please release this data?***

Answer: The Trust can provide numbers of patients diagnosed with breast cancer, however, staging data which would be required to determine the question 'early breast cancer' has not been collected historically, to do this with any accuracy we would need to undertake a retrospective manual audit of every diagnosed breast cancer patients who underwent surgery. This alone would be in excess of the statutory 18 hours timescale the Trust is permitted to spend on any one request. Providing as this would take one member of staff over the permitted timescale within the Act therefore; we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of

complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

***Request 2: Please confirm or deny if County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the number of people diagnosed in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust with early breast cancer that were offered tumour profiling tests to guide adjuvant chemotherapy decisions, in each year from 2013 to 2018.***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***If confirm, please release this data?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***Request 3: Please confirm or deny if County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the number of people diagnosed in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust with early breast cancer that were tested with tumour profiling tests to guide adjuvant chemotherapy decisions, in each year from 2013 to 2018?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***If confirm, please release this data?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***Request 4: Please confirm or deny if County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the number of people diagnosed in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust with oestrogen receptor (ER)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative and lymph node (LN)-negative (including micrometastatic disease) early breast cancer in each year from 2013 to 2018?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***If confirm, please release this data?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***Request 5: Please confirm or deny if County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the numbers of people diagnosed in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust with oestrogen receptor (ER)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative and lymph node (LN)-negative (including micrometastatic disease) early breast***

***cancer that were offered tumour profiling tests to guide adjuvant chemotherapy decisions in each year from 2013 to 2018?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***If confirm, please release this data?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***Request 6: Please confirm or deny if County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the number of people diagnosed in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust with oestrogen receptor (ER)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative and lymph node (LN)-negative (including micrometastatic disease) early breast cancer that were tested with tumour profiling tests to guide adjuvant chemotherapy decisions in each year from 2013 to 2018?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

***If confirm, please release this data?***

Answer: Please see the answer to request number 1.

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  
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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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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