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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 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 patient records. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. Does your Trust use pen and paper to build patient records? If so, in which departments?

Answer: Historical patient records are scanned; if new records are not created electronically they are handwritten and then scanned in to the patient record.

2. Does your Trust use analogue tape dictation to record patient encounters? If so, in which departments?

Answer: No, any dictation is completed using digital dictation devices.

3. Who in the Trust is responsible for digitising paper records?

Answer: The Head of Health Records manages the contracts between the suppliers who scan our medical records and provide the software to view the scanned images.

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
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer