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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 July 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 glaucoma. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1) Can you please confirm the number of patients that you saw in 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 for each of the following:

a) Total Ophthalmology monitoring/follow-up appointments

Answer: The total numbers of ophthalmology follow up attendances are as follows:

2016/17 – 30010
2017/18 – 27440
2018/19 – 26659

Please note that this is all ophthalmology attendances, including glaucoma.

b) New glaucoma diagnosis appointments

c) Routine glaucoma monitoring/follow-up appointments

d) Urgent glaucoma monitoring/follow-up appointments

Answer 1b – d: The Trust does not hold specific glaucoma clinics and we are therefore unable to separate out the glaucoma attendances.

2) Please confirm how many patients are currently under the care of the hospital trust for the monitoring of their glaucoma

Answer: This is not recorded, please see answer to 1b-d.

3) Please confirm how many of the glaucoma patients under your care are classified as:

- a) Routine/Stable**
- b) Urgent/non-stable**

Answer: This is not recorded

4) Of the patients seen for glaucoma within the last 12 months, can you please confirm how many patients:

- a) Were seen on or within 2 weeks of their review date.**
- b) Were seen within 2-4 weeks of their review date.**
- c) Were seen within 1-3 months of their review date.**
- d) Were seen within 3-6 months of their review date.**
- e) Were seen within 6-12 months of their review date.**
- f) Were seen, but over 12 months of their review date.**
- g) Were not seen, and were over 12 months from their review date.**
- h) Were not seen, as they were not due their review appointment yet.**

Answer: This is not recorded

5) Please confirm how many glaucoma patients are currently outstanding their review appointment on the following basis:

- a) Currently between 0-1 month past their scheduled review date.**
- b) Currently between 1-3 months past their scheduled review date.**
- c) Current between 3-6 months past their scheduled review date.**
- d) Currently between 6-12 months past their scheduled review date.**
- e) Currently over 12 months past their scheduled review date.**
- f) Are currently past their review date, but you are not certain of how far past their review date the patient is.**

Answer: This is not recorded

6) Please confirm where you are paid by your CCG(s) on a block contract, on a tariff payment per episode basis, or on an alternative payment method for glaucoma services. If you are paid on an alternative method, please provide details.

Answer: – The Trust have a block contract with our local CCG's. Work from outside this locality would be charged at tariff.

7) Please confirm the patient pathway in your trust for Glaucoma Diagnosis and Glaucoma Monitoring within your service?

Answer: See attached glaucoma pathway

8) Please confirm whether this service the patient pathway in your trust for Glaucoma Diagnosis and Glaucoma Monitoring is delivered wholly by staff employed by your hospital trust, or whether this is partially or wholly delivered by another provider. If this is delivered by another provider, please also confirm:

- a) **What proportion is delivered by other providers.**
- b) **Who is the provider delivering this service on your behalf?**
- c) **Where is this service delivered?**
- d) **What elements of the service do they deliver? Is this the diagnostics only, consultant oversight, treatment or all elements.**

Answer: The service is delivered by County Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust only.

9) Please confirm the address of all locations that the service the patient pathway in your trust for Glaucoma Diagnosis and Glaucoma Monitoring is delivered from.

Answer: There is a glaucoma service on all sites, Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Durham

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
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer