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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 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 genetic haemochromatosis. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you.

a. For the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 (or the most recent 12 month period available), the number of patients diagnosed with genetic haemochromatosis under your care.

Answer: 1173 patients were admitted with a primary diagnosis of genetic haemochromatosis. However, the system does not record whether this was their first diagnosis of the condition.

b. For the period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018 (or the most recent 12 month period available), the average time in days from first referral from primary care to the patient's first appointment within your Trust.

Answer: The Trust does not centrally collect the data requested.

c. A copy of the protocol and/or patient pathway applicable to the care of people with genetic haemochromatosis.

d. The date that your protocol/patient pathway for genetic haemochromatosis was last reviewed or revised.

- e. A copy of your clinical protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection.**
- f. The date that your protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection were last reviewed or revised.**

Answer: c – f: The Trust does not have specific protocols relating to the care of patients with genetic haemochromatosis . However, patients are seen by both gastroenterologist and haematologists.

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.



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Yours sincerely

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