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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 August 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 water and sewage leaks. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1) The number the leaks on the hospital estate that have taken place over the last 3 years?***
- 2) When and where on the estate these leaks occurred?***
- 3) Whether the leaks were water or sewage?***
- 4) The cost to clean up these leaks?***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Please find attached excel spreadsheet.

Costs for PFI are:

University Hospital of North Durham - estimate of cost is £ 6,830.46

Chester Le Street - estimate of cost is £873

Bishop Auckland Hospital - estimate of cost is unknown – number of associated hours is included

Darlington Memorial Hospital – No costs provided as per explanation below.

With regards to Darlington Memorial Hospital, Specific task recording for the type of work requested/needed and hence associated with water/sewage leaks is not

identified in the work coding software system used for the DMH site. It's is therefore not categorised for reporting analysis. If it was then this request would be fairly straightforward.

Alternatively, a 'wild card' word search reveals work report descriptions including "water" for example, however the accuracy of these reports is variable and far too vast to carry out a manual sort of the output data, most of which are irrelevant to the information source requested (i.e. includes water spills, splashes, domestic cleaning, leaking water boilers etc. etc.). We are therefore unable to categorise the data requested for the DMH site due to the limited recording and reporting categories from the software currently in use.

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

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Freedom of Information Officer