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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 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 clinically assisted nutrition and hydration. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1) Please state the name of your Trust?

Answer: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

2) How many patients currently under your care are being kept alive with clinically assisted nutrition and hydration (CANH) who are in a persistent vegetative state or minimally conscious state?

3a) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 1 year or more?

b) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 3 years or more?

c) How many patients from Q2 have been kept alive for 5 years or more?

Answer: The Trust does not provide long term care for patients with this condition.

4a) How much money has your Trust spend on the patients from Q2 in the years;

2015 - 2016
2016 - 2017
2017 – 2018

Answer: N/A.

b) How much money does your Trust spend per patient (from Q2) on average?

Answer: N/A.

5) How many next of kin of patients from Q2 have asked for the CANH to be stopped and their loved ones be moved into palliative care?

Answer: N/A.

6a) In how many patients cases, have you been in a legal battle, whether mediation or court, because next of kin wanted to stop CANH in the last 5 years?

Answer: None.

b) What has been the financial cost of these legal battles/mediations?

Answer: N/A.

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
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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