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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 13 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 the private patient activity. Specifically you requested information as follows:

We are conducting research into private patient activity within the NHS and would grateful for your assistance in providing the information outlined below.

1. How many private patient beds does your Trust currently have in each of the following settings?

- a) A dedicated private patient unit***
- b) Private patient wards***
- c) Other private beds e.g. on or near NHS wards***

Answer: The Trust does not have any private patient beds.

2. What is the total number of private beds currently designated for self-pay patients?

Answer: Zero.

***3. Are NHS patients ever allocated private beds?
If so, what proportion of private bed days would be taken up in this way (2018/19)?***

Answer: No.

4. Please state the total annual cost to your NHS Trust in providing self-pay treatment in 2018/19?

Answer: The Trust does not centrally record this information, to collate the data would exceed the permitted timescale within the act therefore; we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen and a quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

5. Please state the total amount billed for provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to:

(a) self-pay patients: £32,109.88
(b) private health insurer(s): NIL

6. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case.

Answer: £29,386.48

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



County Durham
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NHS Foundation Trust

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer