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Mr M Jones
Email only

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Dear Mr Jones

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 19 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 intravenous voriconazole. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information legislation to request the following information from County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019:

- 1. The total number of individual doses of intravenous voriconazole administered to patients in the above organisation during the above period?***
 - a) Please note, this request does not relate to the number of dose units of voriconazole injection used (as one dose may use more than one vial)***
 - b) Please note, this request does not relate to the number of patients given intravenous voriconazole (as one patient will usually receive multiple doses).***
 - c) I appreciate that this information will probably only be available if the above organisation uses an electronic prescribing and medicines administration system.***
 - d) If this information is only available for part(s) of the above organisation, please provide this partial information and state to which parts of the organisation it applies (see also point 2a below)***

Answer: 54 doses (excluding Paediatrics, Maternity, Community Hospitals).

2. The total number of dose units of voriconazole intravenous injection supplied for use within the above organisation during the above period?

- a) If for request 1 you are only able to provide information for part of your organisation (see point 1d), please also state the number of dose units of voriconazole injection supplied for use within these same areas?**
- b) Please exclude voriconazole injection supplied by the above organisation for use within a different organisation?**

Answer: 54 dose units (excluding Paediatrics, Maternity, Community Hospitals).

3. In the above organisation, is the NHS Injectable Medicines Guide (commonly known as “Medusa” - <http://medusa.wales.nhs.uk/>) used at ward level by staff preparing intravenous medicines for administration to patients?

Answer: Yes.

a) If the NHS Injectable Medicines Guide is only used in this way in parts of the above organisation, please state these areas?

Answer: Available to all Trust sites.

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
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NHS Foundation Trust

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

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