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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 6 September 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 ophthalmology units. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. *How many "clean rooms" exist within your ophthalmology units?*

Answer: The Trust have two clean rooms, one at Darlington Memorial Hospital and one at University Hospital of North Durham. The injections at Bishop Auckland Hospital are carried out in the ophthalmic theatre.

2. *What proportion of ophthalmology 1st and follow-up outpatient appointments were associated with a diagnosis of:*

a. primary open angle glaucoma

b. age-related macular degeneration

c. diabetic macular oedema

in the years 2016/17 & 2017/18?

Answer: Please see the attached spreadsheet.

3. How many SLT (selective laser trabeculoplasty) machines do you have in your ophthalmology units and how many procedures were performed in 2016/17 & 2017/18?

Answer: The Trust does not have an SLT laser on any site, we have trialled some SLT lasers but only since June 2019.

4. How many C69.3 (injection into anterior chamber of the eye) procedures were performed in 2016/17 & 2017/18 and what was the split between theatre & clinic?

Answer: There have been no patients in either year with a procedure code of C69.3 (neither IP or OP).

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
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The Information Commissioner's Office
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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