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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 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 hospital laboratories. Specifically you requested information as follows:

We are hoping to collate numbers from every Trust in the UK in order to create national figures and stats to celebrate the value of our members who work in hospital laboratories.

Please find the Institute of Biomedical Science's Freedom of Information request below:

1. How many laboratories (please include breakdown of sites/disciplines if possible) are there in your Trust?

Answer: 2 acute laboratories: biochemistry, haematology and transfusion at Darlington; biochemistry, haematology, transfusion, immunology, microbiology, cellular pathology at Durham

2. What is the headcount of laboratory staff (please include breakdown of sites/departments/roles if possible) in your Trust?

Answer: Pathology staff cohort is 222.41 WTE including non-lab staff. Excluding consultants, phlebotomy, IV team, and mortuary then lab staff is 176.01: Phlebotomy 10.45; biochemistry 34.85; haematology & transfusion 35.54; microbiology 46.62; reception 34.76; cellular pathology 53.51; IT and IV team 4.85

3. How many patient samples or 'reportable laboratory activities' are processed (please include breakdown of sites/departments if possible) by your Trust's laboratories each year (please include the three most recent available years' numbers)?

Answer: See attached table 'foi workload' with 2 years available only. Other data available on NHSI

4. What number (and percentage) of your Trust's patients have a sample processed in a laboratory as part of their treatment?

Answer: Unknown

5. How many patient samples are taken by your Trust but not processed/analysed by your Trust's laboratory staff? (IE: outsourced)

Answer: see attached table

6. If any, where are outsourced patient samples sent? (please include company names/addresses and number of samples sent each year)

Answer: Range of NHS hospitals across the UK, have attached a list of labs from 2017/18 data with numbers sent

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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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