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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 19 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 point of care medical carts. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act would it be possible to forward me the following information regarding point of care medical carts that are used in your Trust? (EPR Carts). These are sometimes referred to as CoW's or WoW's by nursing staff (Computers on Wheels or Workstations on Wheels)

1. Do you use point of care medical carts in your Trust? (EPR Carts)

Answer: Yes.

2. If yes which departments/Wards are they used in?

Answer: AMU, Wards, ENT, ITU, Surgical Admissions, Special Care Baby Unit, Theatres, Day Surgery Unit, Emergency Department, Outpatients, Clinic Rooms

3. What manufacturer/brand are they?

Answer: Parity Medical, RDP, Ergotron. Various models of each powered and unpowered.

4. When were they purchased?

Answer: Purchased through various initiatives over the last 10 years.

5. *When are they due to be replaced?*

Answer: Replaced when reached end of economic life or beyond repair.

6. *The contact details of the person dealing with managing anti-bacterial coated point of care medical carts that are used in your Trust?*

Answer: There is no one person who deals with managing anti-bacterial coated point of care medical carts that are used in the Trust. The Trust has hundreds of carts and as such wards and departments are responsible for managing the carts in their clinic areas.

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.



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Yours sincerely

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