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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 26 November 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 Ophthalmology service provision. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I write to submit a FOI request regarding Ophthalmology service provision. I would be most grateful for your response to the following questions:

1. How many full-time equivalent consultants are in employment in the department?

Answer: 8 full-time equivalent consultants employed

2. How many full-time non-training grade doctors are in employment in the department?

Answer: 4.99 full-time non-training grade doctors

***3. Are there any unfilled consultant posts?
Please state which subspecialty consultant posts remain unfilled***

Answer: 2 consultant posts medical retina

4. Is there a community glaucoma service?

Answer: No.

5. Is the community glaucoma service offered through AQP (Any Qualified Provider)? Please state which AQP if applicable:

Answer: No

6. Is there a paediatric screening service?

Answer: No

7. Is the paediatric screening service offered through AQP? Please state which AQP if applicable:

Answer: N/A

8. Is there a Local MECS (Minor Eye Conditions Service)? Please state who this is offered through if applicable:

Answer: No

9. Does the department outsource any other speciality services to community based AQPs?

Answer: No

10. Does the department offer collagen cross-linking?

Answer: No

If not, which centre(s) are patients referred to?

Answer: Referred to Sunderland Eye Infirmary

11. Does the department offer Femto laser treatment for cataract surgery?

Answer: No

12. Does the department offer Femto laser treatment for corneal surgery?

Answer: Referred to Sunderland Eye Infirmary

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.



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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.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer



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