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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 1st 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 the Inflammatory Bowel Disease MDTs. specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to request the sharing of the most current information available regarding the Inflammatory Bowel Disease MDTs, and prescription of biologic drugs to treat IBD in the UK. Specifically:

- 1. How many members are in the MDTs within the trust, and professional makeup (ie, how many consultant gastroenterologists, clinical nurse specialists, colorectal surgeons, dietitians and other specialisations)***

Answer: 8 Gastroenterology Consultants, 3 Colorectal Consultants, 4 IBD Nurses, 1 Gastroenterology Pharmacist, (1 radiography and 1 microbiologist not always present).

- 2. Available facilities for patients with IBD in the trust (endoscopy, biologics infusion, radiography)***

Answer: There are 4 endoscopy units at 4 sites within the Trust, 2 Medical Day units for infusions, radiography at all 4 sites,

3. The Trust's treatment pathway protocols for patients with moderate-to-severe ulcerative colitis (other patient treatment pathway protocols for ulcerative colitis/IBD may also be of interest)

Answer: The Trust have pathways for patients with moderate to severe Ulcerative colitis, also pathways for treatment of patients with Crohn's Disease and patients needing Biologic therapy treatment.

4. Following treatment with a biologic to induce remission, how often are patients checked up on?

Answer: Patients are seen within 3 months and then every 3 months

5. Please could you provide the following number of patients treated with the biologics below in the last 12 months (latest 12 months if possible), in the table below?

	Ulcerative colitis	Crohn's disease
Adalimumab	17	28
Infliximab	8	15
Golimumab	1	0
Vedolizumab	24	15
Ustekinumab	0	11
Tofacitinib	1	0

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.

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The Chief Executive
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Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer