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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 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 Breast Screening. Specifically you requested information as follows:

In response to my FOI, I would be grateful if you can please provide the below information regarding the Breast Screening programme and symptomatic breast clinics for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Breast Screening – (Asymptomatic)

- Does the Trust have a dedicated breast screening service/unit (Asymptomatic mammograms) – This could be separate from the main x-ray department?***
- If so, what is the name of the service?***
- Is this run in a static unit or on breast screening vans (Or Both)? How many vans does the service run? How many static sites does the service run?***
- How many ladies are scanned/screened on average, per day on each van/static unit?***
- Does the service scan on a 5 day or 7 day week?***
- Who has the overall responsibility for the breast screening service?***
- Please provide an organisational chart for the team/department with overall responsibility for the breast screening service?***

Answer: The Trust does not run a breast screening (asymptomatic) service.

Symptomatic Mammography & Breast Clinics

- ***Which department has the responsibility for symptomatic mammograms / Symptomatic Breast Lists/Clinics? Does this come under the breast screening unit or the main radiography department of the Trust?***

Answer: Mammograms - Radiology, Theatre Lists – General Surgery, Clinics – General Surgery.

- ***How many ladies are assessed on average per day in the symptomatic breast clinic?***

Answer: 15.

- ***Does the service scan on a 5 day or 7 day week?***

Answer: 5 Days.

- ***Who has the overall responsibility for the symptomatic breast clinics?***

Answer: General Surgery.

- ***Please provide an organisational chart for the team/department with overall responsibility for the symptomatic breast clinics?***

Answer: Please see attached.

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:

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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer