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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 14 January 2020 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 Non Invasive Prenatal Testing. Specifically you requested information as follows:

In each of the individual calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 please tell me.....

1) Did your Trust offer the NIPT (Non Invasive Prenatal Testing) for Down's syndrome, also known as cfDNA screening to expectant mothers for FREE? Yes or No?

Answer: No.

2) If no, did you offer the NIPT within the Trust, but only if the patient was willing to pay?

Answer: No.

3) How much was that NIPT?

Answer: N/A.

4) If no to all of the above did you mention NIPT as an option but that it was only available outside the Trust, i.e. by private providers not connected with the Trust?

Answer: Yes.

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
Cheshire
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