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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 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 the Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment process. Specifically you requested information as follows:

We are conducting an evaluation of the Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment process (ReSPECT). We are funded by the NHS through the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Services and Delivery Research programme (study reference 15/15/09). The evaluation includes exploring how the implementation of the ReSPECT process may affect characteristics of UK resuscitation attempts.

More information about the ReSPECT evaluation study is available at www.warwick.ac.uk/respectevaluation

In order to conduct the study, we would like to know what system(s) for recording advance decisions for use in a medical emergency are used in acute hospitals. We would like this information for every acute hospital that has participated in the National Cardiac Arrest Audit (NCAA) since 1st January 2015. The information is not publicly available. We have permission to do this from the funder and have NHS ethics approval in place (NHS ethics ref 17/WM/0134).

We are therefore making the attached freedom of information request to your Trust.

We would like you to complete the information in the attached form for each of the acute hospitals in your Trust that admits adults and participates in the NCAA. Please complete a separate form for each hospital.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Answer: Please see attached forms.

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