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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 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 patient group directives. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please answer the following questions:

1. Does your Trust have any patient group directives in use?

Answer: Yes – 118 currently in use

2. Which drugs currently have active patient group directives?

Answer: Please see attached spreadsheet.

3. Which healthcare professionals utilise patient group directives and for which drug?

Answer: Please see attached spreadsheet

4. Are patient group directives being audited within your trust, by who and how often?

Answer: Yes – as part of the Trust Safe & Secure Handling of Medicines (SASHOM) audits, co-ordinated by the Pharmacy Medicines Safety Team annually.

If your Trust does not utilise patient group directives what is the reason behind this if known?

Answer: Not applicable

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

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