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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 3rd February 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 Fertility treatment for same sex couples. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. ***What are your policies on two females seeking fertility?***
2. ***Two men seeking an egg/surrogacy?***
3. ***What guidelines are given to GPs to refer, is so can you furnish a copy?***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust does see two females on referral from their GP. The Trust carries out the necessary investigations but since we are no longer able to carry out donor insemination the couple will decide where they want to go for their treatment. For the majority of these couples it is private treatment as per the criteria for assisted conception treatment. We have not yet been asked to see two males. The Trust does not, however, deal with surrogacy.

In each case, the GP should all have access to the criteria for assisted conception. The HFEA website is a good source of information for them also as this will give them details of the various centres and the treatments offered by each centre. The Trust does not, however, manage GP contracts and further information on any specific guidance you should contact our commissioners in the first instance. If you wish to contact the local CCG's in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following emails addresses:

Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG
Email: desccg.foi@nhs.net

Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Email: DARCCG.FOI@nhs.net

North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group
Email: NDUCCG.FOI@nhs.net

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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Freedom of Information Officer