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Email only

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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 iron infusion. Specifically you requested information as follows:

### **1. How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?**

Answer: 147 patients were prescribed iron infusions on our electronic prescribing system (ePMA) between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Patients that were treated in our medical day units would be prescribed treatment on paper charts. These numbers cannot be obtained without a review of all paper prescriptions, which would take several days, and we estimate that this would exceed the appropriate limit under the Act. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

### **2. How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferinject?**

Answer: All patients were treated with Ferinject.

### **3. What was the average weight of these patients?**

Answer: We are unable to report this as this information is not recorded in ePMA. To calculate the average weight would require an extensive review of all paper notes, taking a number of days and we estimate that this would exceed the appropriate time limit. Therefore; we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying

with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

**4. How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?**

Answer: 102.

**5. How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?**

Answer: The Trust does not employ an iron infusion nurse, nor offer a specific iron infusion clinic.

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**