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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 26 June 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to denaturing of controlled drugs and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am making a FOI request about The Trusts' denaturing of controlled drugs in the past 12 months.

1. Please advise the annual volume purchased of Controlled Drug Denature kits / Controlled Drug Destruction Kits by product size. E.g. 100ml, 250ml, 500ml, 1L, 2L, 4L etc?

Controlled drug destruction kit 250ml:	3221
Controlled drug destruction kit 1000ml:	12
Controlled drug destruction kit 2000ml:	7
Controlled drug destruction kit 2 ltr:	25

2. How does the Trust purchase these? E.g. via NHSSC, direct from manufacturer, other?

The Trust purchases these kits via NHSSC.

3. How does the Trust decide which product range to purchase?

The Trust reviews which products are available on NHSSC framework and samples are obtained or trials carried out to review the products to inform a decision

4. Who is responsible for managing the procurement of controlled drug denature kits?

The Pharmacy department is responsible for the procurement of controlled drugs kits.

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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