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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30 July 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 Cardiac CT services and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Q1. Do you have a cardiac CT service? Yes / No**

**If No proceed to Q7. If Yes, please provide responses to the following #2 to 6;**

Yes

**Q2. How many Cardiac CT scans did the Trust perform in 2019?**

611

**Q3. What was the average waiting time from referral to scan?**

41 days

**Q4. Does the Trust currently outsource reporting of cardiac CT scans? If so, what percentage was outsourced in 2019?**

No

**Q5. What is the estimated timespan for reporting following scan completion?**

Up to 7 days

**Q6. In light of the recent Corona Virus pandemic, how many patients have been delayed and put on the Cardiac CT waiting list?**

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this as this information is not recorded when a patient is added to the Cardiac CT waiting list. In order to answer this question the record of every patient who has been added to the waiting list during Covid-19 would need to be reviewed to determine if they have been added as a result of a delayed or cancelled procedure. This would exceed the permitted timescale within the act 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 and quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

**Q7. Are you planning to set-up a cardiac CT in the next 12 months?**

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

Yours sincerely

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