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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 12 August 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 the incidence of hereditary eye conditions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. How many patients with Inherited Retinal Dystrophy are registered with your Ophthalmology service? If this information is not available, could you please provide the number of hospital inpatients in the last five years who had a diagnosis for Inherited Retinal Dystrophy (IC10 code H35.5)?

There are 1,237 patients with Inherited Retinal Dystrophy registered with the Trust's Ophthalmology service.

2. What is the total number of Inherited Retinal Dystrophy patients that attended an Ophthalmology clinic within your Trust in the four-month period from Nov 2019-Feb 2020?

During the time period specified there were 435 Inherited Retinal Dystrophy patients who attended an Ophthalmology clinic within the Trust.

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.

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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