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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 11 May 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to sexual health screening and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

We would request the following information from 1st January 2019- 31st December 2019, dates inclusive. We would like to request this information from all Sexual health services that offer STI screening in County Durham and Darlington

Please note that the responses below are based on the number of infections diagnosed or episodes of care. Individual patients may have attended for more than one episode, or had more than one infection diagnosed. To determine the results for individual patients the patient record for each individual patient, recorded as having attended in the time frame, would need to be reviewed. To collate the data 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.

1. Total numbers of patients receiving an STI screening.

13,510

2. Total numbers of patients testing positive for at least one STI.

2481 STI diagnosed – patients may have more than one at a time and may have been positive more than once

3. Number of patients receiving STI screening between the ages of 18-24 inclusive.

5802 patient episodes – individuals may be tested more than once

4. The number of patients aged 18-24 inclusive, that tested positive for at least one STI.

1087- number of infections, not individual patients

5. Percentages of gender of patients aged 18-24 inclusive, including but not limited to males, females, transgender males and transgender females.

Documented gender at birth Females 72% Males 28%

6. A breakdown of the percentage of genders that tested positive for at least one STI in the age group 18-24 inclusive.

Patients may have more than one infection – 605 infections diagnosed in 3552 females and 482 infections diagnosed in 1209 males

7. The proportion of patients who identify as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual, or as men who have sex with men, in the age range 18-24.

7.2%

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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Freedom of Information Officer