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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14 October 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 cataract services and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. For the period 1 of April 2019 to 31 of March 2020, please provide the names of all independent sector providers that have provided cataract and/or YAG capsulotomy procedures to you?**

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- 2. Please provide the total number of procedures (per eye) completed by independent providers (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) for the following surgical procedures between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:**
 - a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
 - b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
250 procedures – unable to split by lens type**
 - c. YAG capsulotomy
8 procedures**

The type of lens is not coded. The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine all 250 sets of patient's notes. 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.

3. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Optegra (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) for the following surgical procedures between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy

None.

4. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Spamedica for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.

None.

5. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Newmedica for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.

None.

6. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Anglia Community Eye Service (ACES) for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;
- b. Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and
- c. YAG capsulotomy.

None.

7. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by Optical Express for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. **Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. **Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. **YAG capsulotomy.**

None.

8. Please provide the number of procedures (per eye) completed by any independent sector provider other than those listed above (Optegra, Spamedica, Newmedica, ACES & Optical Express) for the following surgical procedures (broken down by the applicable CCSD code) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020:

- a. **Cataract with implantation of a spherical (non toric) Intraocular Lens;**
- b. **Cataract with implantation of a toric intraocular lens; and**
- c. **YAG capsulotomy.**

None.

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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