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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 16 November 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 prescriptions written on stroke wards and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. How many Enoxaparin prescriptions were written on the stroke wards for stroke patients admitted in 2018 and 2019?**
- 2. How many Tinzaparin prescriptions were written on the stroke wards for stroke patients admitted in 2018 and 2019?**

The Trust's Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (ePMA) reporting system is unable to currently break down prescribing to ward level. While it is possible to confirm that no Tinzaparin was used over the specified period, Enoxaparin is a commonly used medicine and the Trust cannot produce patient level data without manually reviewing thousands of entries. The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. 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.

However the Trust can provide the following quantities of medicines which were issued to the Stroke ward over the specified period. Please note, the Trust cannot differentiate whether medicines were used for stroke patients, or whether they were used for general medical patients on the ward at the time.

No Tinzaparin was used over the specified period.

Label Description	Total Quantity
ENOXAPARIN (INHIXA) 20mg (2,000units)/0.2mL SYRINGE	50
ENOXAPARIN (INHIXA) 40mg (4,000units)/0.4mL SYRINGE (10)	230
ENOXAPARIN 100mg (10,000units)/1mL SYRINGE	353
ENOXAPARIN 120mg (12,000units)/0.8mL SYRINGE	89
ENOXAPARIN 150mg (15,000units)/1mL SYRINGE	204
ENOXAPARIN 20mg (2,000units)/0.2mL SYRINGE	320
ENOXAPARIN 40mg (4,000units)/0.4mL SYRINGE	2375
ENOXAPARIN 60mg (6,000units)/0.6mL SYRINGE	40
ENOXAPARIN 80mg (8,000units)/0.8mL SYRINGE	336

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