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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 December 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 admission to A & E and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Would it be possible to let me know the procedure if on admission to your A&E a covid-19 test is automatically taken irrespective of symptoms?

Patients are only Lateral Flow Antigen (LFT) COVID tested once there is a good suspicion that the patient will be admitted to an inpatient area or community hospital. A Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test is then carried out once admission is confirmed.

Also if the test is void would another be taken automatically or wait until the patient is admitted to a non covid-19 ward?

The test is repeated as soon as a void test is obtained regardless of where the patient is in their acute journey.

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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