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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 26 March 2021 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 treatments for Axial spondyloarthritis and two other conditions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

As part of a study looking at different treatment options across the UK, please can I enquire if your organisation has local treatment guidelines for the treatment of the following conditions?

- a) Axial spondyloarthritis**
- b) Ankylosing spondylitis**
- c) Rheumatoid arthritis**

The Trust does not have local treatment guidelines for the treatment of the above mentioned conditions, the Trust follows national guidelines for the treatment of these conditions.

If you have such guidelines please could I request a copy?

N/A.

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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