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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 5th May 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 endoscopy rooms/ suites and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. How many endoscopy procedure rooms do you have in your Trust?

The Trust has 6 endoscopy procedure rooms in total and these are spread over 3 of its hospital sites.

2. Are patients able to be separated by gender from admission through to recovery (Y/N)

Patients are able to be separated by gender from admission to recovery at two of the three sites for endoscopy.

3. Do you use single sex lists? (Y/N)

No the Trust does not use single sex lists.

4. Approximately, how old is your endoscopy decontamination suite/ when was it last refurbished?

The suite is 12 years old and there is a plan for a centralised decontamination unit with an expected with an April 2022 anticipated project start date.

5. Will the Trust need to procure new scopes in the next 12 months? (Y/N)

Yes it will.

6. Have you used a mobile endoscopy service in the last 12 months?
7. Approximately how many endoscopy procedures were undertaken in a mobile unit over the last 12 months?

The Trust has not used a mobile endoscopy service in the last 12 months.

8. Is in-house endoscopy capacity in the Trust near or fully utilised? (Y/N)

Yes the Trust endoscopy capacity is near or fully utilised.

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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