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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 29 April 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to innovation practices and innovation stakeholders and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Digital Innovation Programmes

- Does the organisation have any digital innovation programmes that aim to develop digital tools and solutions to transform and improve processes in the below areas listed in the table? If yes, please provide details in the below table-**

Area	Yes/No	Aim and Summary of the programme	Is the programme in collaboration with other NHS organisations or companies?
Talent Management e.g., Succession Planning, upskilling staff	No		
Initiatives outlined in the People Plan e.g., health & wellbeing, flexible working, learning & development	No		
Private Patient Care/ Units	No		
Staff Task Management	Yes	Clinician Mobility and task management	Yes

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Community Services	Yes	Clinician Mobility and in-place care	Yes
Discharge Processes	Yes	As Staff Task Management	As Staff Task Management
Other			

2. Does the organisation have a charity that supports or provides funding for digital innovation at the organisation? E.g., Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust has the charity Innovate at Imperial

The Trust charity objects are to enhance patient care and wellbeing through the provision of medical equipment, products, services and education that would not be available to the Trust other than through charitable funding.'

For example CDDFT Charity has invested into conferencing equipment trust wide, audio equipment, an innovative interactive robot to aid patient feedback with Special educational needs patients, assisted listening devices for those with hearing impairment

Innovation Stakeholders and Team/Departments

3. Who is the lead for digital innovation at the organisation? Please provide their name and job title

Mr Andrew Izon Chief Information Officer and Mr Zaher Toumi Director of Research and Innovation

4. Who is the lead for strategy at the organisation? Please provide their name and job title

The Trust does not employ a single Strategic Lead, Trust strategy is an objective of the Executive Director team as a whole as it touches all aspects of the organisation. The Trust has several strategies and the coordinating Director would depend on the strategy in question. If you would like to request information about the lead for a specific strategy, please contact us.

5. Who is the lead for strategic performance at the organisation? Please provide their name and job title

While the coordination of performance would be led by the Executive Director of Operations, Ms Carole Langrick, and her team, please also refer to the response to question 4 in relation to strategic leads.

6. Who is the lead for transformation at the organisation? Please provide their name and job title

The Trust does not employ a Transformation Director. While the coordination of Transformation would be led by the Executive Director of Operations, Ms Carole Langrick, and her team, it is an objective of the Executive Director team as a whole as it touches all aspects of the organisation.

7. Who is the Chief Information/Technology Officer at the organisation? Please provide their name and job title

Mr Andrew Izon, Chief Information Officer

8. Does the organisation have a team/department that handles digital innovation?

- a. If yes, please name these teams/departments and the members names and job titles.**

The Trust has a Health Informatics Team which is under the remit of Mr Noel Scanlon, Executive Director of Nursing and is led by Mr Andrew Izon, Chief Information Officer.

Under Mr Izon there are further teams:

- Data Security and Protection led by Ms Lisa Nattrass
- Systems and Delivery led by Mr David Stafford
- Programme and Strategy led by Ms Catherine Bright
- ICT led by Mr Craig Robinson

**9. Does the team/department develop front facing service user websites/apps?
a. If yes, please state the websites/apps developed and their use.**

No

**10. Have the team/department ever applied for external tenders for healthcare developments?
a. If yes, please state which external tenders.**

No

**11. Have the teams/departments ever done developments for other organisations/external entities?
a. If yes, please provide details on the developments**

No

12. Have the teams/departments ever sold a development it has produced commercially?

a. If yes, please provide details of the development sold

No

13. Have the teams/departments ever attempted to secure an innovation grant?

a. If yes, please state which innovation grant and if they were successful

Yes they have received grants through the Academic Health Science Networks Tech Transfer and the Health Foundation Innovating for Improvement.

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. 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