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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21 January 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 Cardiac electronic device and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

### **What percentage of patients with a cardiac implanted electronic device are currently being routinely monitored remotely, either via device manufacturer remote monitoring platforms or through third party software platforms?**

In order to be able to respond to your enquiry the Trust would need to review the medical records of all patients with a cardiac implanted electronic device to determine if they are being routinely monitored and how. To collate the data would exceed the permitted timescale within the act 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 and quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

The Trust is able to provide the following estimated information which may prove helpful.

- Patients with implantable cardiac defibrillators, and cardiac resynchronisation devices – approximately 80-90% are on device manufacturers remote monitoring.
- Patients with pacemakers and implantable diagnostic devices – approximately less than 10% are on device manufacturers remote monitoring.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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