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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 9th November 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 medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I would like to obtain specific information regarding medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events within County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust. I would also like to obtain information on the uptake of prefilled syringes within an Intensive Care Unit setting, including the specific medicines used in prefilled syringes.

1. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The value of medicines wastage every year in County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust in £.

Apr-18 to Mar-19	-	£47595
Apr-19 to Mar-20	-	£45187
Apr-20 to Mar-21	-	£97,975
Apr-21 to Oct-21	-	£22,585

2. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The number of medicines in pre-filled syringes procured for usage in the following departments within County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust:

- Intensive Care Units - 0
- Accident & Emergency departments - 0
- Operating rooms - 0

b) The names of the specific medicines which are procured in pre-filled syringes for usage in the following departments within County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;
- Accident & Emergency departments;
- Operating rooms.

Not applicable

3. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

2018	-	7
2019	-	7
2020	-	1
2021	-	7
Total	-	22

b) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a pre-filled syringe was used within County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

Zero

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

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator