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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 1st December 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 delayed discharges and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. The total number of patients in hospital on 30 November whose discharge was delayed because they were awaiting residential home placement or availability, awaiting nursing home placement or availability, or awaiting a care package in their own home.**
- 2. For each of the last 12 months (starting with November 2020 and ending with November 2021), can you please provide the number of hospital patients whose discharge was delayed because they were awaiting residential home placement or availability, awaiting nursing home placement or availability, or awaiting a care package in their own home. Can you please provide the information in an excel spreadsheet if possible, with the information for question 1 in the first column, and the figures for question 2 in the next 12 columns.**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. This information was previously collected but following Covid the national return has been stood down and not reinstated. Therefore, we are refusing 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 hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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