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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 10th February 2022 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 disorders of sex development in children and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Since 2015, how many children receiving diagnostic tests and/or treatment for DSDs have been referred to this trust from Malta?**
- 2. Of these children, how many are government-sponsored patients? How many pay privately?**
- 3. Of these referrals, how many have undergone genital surgeries?**
- 4. Which specific DSDs have been referred from Malta? (e.g. Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia, Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome, Turners Syndrome). If possible, please list them.**
- 5. Are there specific legal or ethical guidelines tailored for Maltese patients?**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested as all records would need to be manually looked through. 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 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