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Dear Mr Burt

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 22nd September 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 Cardiac devices and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

The following questions relate to the management of Implantable Cardiac Devices, and the data that these devices can produce. These devices can be classified into the following groups:

- **Pacemakers (PPM)**
- **Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICD's)**
- **Cardiac Resynchronisation Devices (CRT-D's or CRT-P)**
- **Implantable Loop Recorders (ILR's)**

1. **How many Cardiac Device implant procedures did your trust perform over the last 12 months (Aug 21-Aug22)**

   428 from 01/08/2021 to 31/07/2022.

2. **How many Remote Cardiac Device Monitoring system due you use across the trust**

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3. **How many Remote Cardiac device follow-ups were performed in your trust over the last 12 months (Aug21-Aug22)**

   435

4. **Do you perform In-office clinics at multiple locations**

   Yes, they are performed at Darlington Memorial Hospital, Bishop Auckland Hospital and University Hospital North Durham.

5. **How many In-office Cardiac Device follow-up clinics do you perform per week across all trust sites**

   24 clinics across 3 sites

6. **How long are your appointment slots for In-Office cardiac device follow-up (mins)**

   30 minutes

7. **How do you currently record and report Implantable Cardiac Device Follow-Up information**

   Information is recorded in paper files and a copy of the follow up form is sent to Cito.

8. **Do you have an Electronic Database system for storing Cardiac Device data**

   Yes

9. **If yes to Q8, is the system currently in use, specifically designed for use with Cardiac Implantable Devices**

   It is specifically but not solely designed for device follow-up.

10. **How many Physiologists do you have actively involved in Cardiac Device Follow-up**

    6

11. **If you do not currently use an Electronic Cardiac Devices Database system is this something that the trust would be interested in purchasing in the future**

    Under review

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