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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 11th October 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 Remote Monitoring and Virtual Wards and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Does your organisation use remote monitoring tools to help patients to manage their health and care at home?

Yes

2. Has your organisation extended the use of remote monitoring to utilise solutions to proactively manage the next steps of care for patients being treated in the home such as using a task management system/virtual ward*?

No. The Trust do not have a task management system, and we do not have operational virtual wards so far.

3. If yes, does the organisation use any suppliers to support the process of providing virtual wards?

a. Please state the name of the supplier/supplier's.

b. Please provide the annual cost for the above supplier contract for the financial year 20/21 to 21/22 (April 2021- March 2022)

Not applicable

4. Does the organisation have a dedicated in-house virtual ward team?
a. If yes, is this made up of existing resource or additional capacity?

No

5. Could you please provide the name and job title of the person who is responsible for the management of virtual wards?

Lisa Cole, Head of Service Integrated Adult Care
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6. Please complete the table for each of the specialities listed:

Speciality	What specialities are Virtual Wards currently implemented in? (tick for yes)	If yes, How many virtual "beds" are currently operating in total and in each speciality?	Please state the number of beds the organisation has in total and for each speciality?
Total	None	N/A	G&A including paediatrics is 819
Mental Health	Section 16, see below		
Cardiology	No	N/A	
Dermatology	No	N/A	
Diabetes	No	N/A	
Endocrinology	No	N/A	
Gastroenterology	No	N/A	
Geriatric Medicine	No	N/A	
Gynaecology	No	N/A	
Hepatology	No	N/A	
Neurology	No	N/A	
Oncology	No	N/A	
Ophthalmology	No	N/A	
Palliative medicine	No	N/A	
Paediatrics services	No	N/A	
Physiotherapy	No	N/A	
Rehabilitation	No	N/A	
Renal medicine	Section 16, see below		
Respiratory	No	N/A	
Rheumatology	No	N/A	
Colorectal surgery	No	N/A	
Breast Surgery Service	No	N/A	
Ear, Nose and Throat	No	N/A	
General Surgery	No	N/A	
Orthopaedics and Trauma	No	N/A	

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Orthoptics	No	N/A	
Pain management	No	N/A	
Plastic surgery	No	N/A	
Thoracic medicine	No	N/A	
Urology	Section 16, see below		
Vascular surgery	No	N/A	
Audiology Service	No	N/A	
Other- Please state which:			

Please note that specialities are not all allocated beds. Beds are allocated on a care group level and are interchangeable to each specialty and are allocated based on patient need.

The Trust does not provide mental health services. Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact that organisation via the following address:

Trust Secretary's Department
West Park Hospital
Edward Pease Way
Darlington
DL2 2TS

Email: tevw.foi@nhs.net

The Trust does not provide urology and renal medicine services. For further information please contact either South Tees NHS Foundation Trust or The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following postal addresses:

South Tees NHS Foundation Trust:
Murray Building
The James Cook University Hospital
Marton Road
Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

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