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Email only

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 12th December 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 Long Covid and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Do you have a standalone policy that details how your organisation will support managers and employees on the issue of long Covid?

No, the Trust follows NHS England and NHS Employers guidance for Covid related absence.

2. If not, have you amended another policy to detail how your organisation will support managers and employees on the issue of long Covid?

As above, the Trust follows NHS England and NHS Employers guidance for Covid related absence.

3. In either instance, please supply a copy of your policy/policies

Not applicable.

4. How many employees have notified the organisation that they have been diagnosed with long Covid?

5. How many days have you lost as an organisation due to formally diagnosed long Covid?

6. If you are unable to answer questions 4 and/or 5 specifically, what data do you have on long Covid?

The Trust uses the national Electronic Staff Record to record staff absences. The system does not record data specifically for Long Covid, therefore we are unable to provide these figures.

7. Do you have a specific rehabilitation package available to staff with long Covid (other than signposting to standard NHS care)?

The Trust support staff with long Covid through Covid clinics and regular referral to Occupational Health.

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