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Email only

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30th January 2023 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 Wearable Biometric Technology and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. How many pieces of wearable biometric technology have been given out by the hospital in the most recent complete year?

Zero

2. How much money was spent by the hospital in the most recent complete year?

3. Is the patient who is given the wearable biometric technology made aware of any data collection?

4. If yes to question 3, is there a point of contact/information-source that may be contacted/viewed?

5. Does the patient have to provide any kind of agreement to the data collection, and what form does this take?

6. Who owns the data collected by the wearable biometric technology?

7. Are there any ethics processes that the hospital utilises to ensure equitable uses of patient data?

Not applicable

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