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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 16th March 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 3d Printing Technology and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I would like to know:

1a Is 3D printing technology being used at your facilities?

Yes

No

If the answer to 1a is Yes then skip to question 2.

If the answer to 1a is No then:

1b Do you plan on utilizing 3D Printing technology in the near future?

Yes

No

If the answer to 1b is No then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

If the answer to 1b is Yes then:

1c What part(s) do you intend to 3D print (e.g. Prosthetic limbs, hearing aids etc.)?

2. **What 3D Printers are being used for producing the parts (Brand name & model)?**
3. **What type of parts/products are being printed (e.g. Prosthetic hand, prosthetic leg, splint, hip joint etc.) Please be specific.**
4. **What materials are being commonly used for 3D printing at your facilities?**
5. **What ISO standards and/or other ASTM/BS standards are being followed when producing the parts/products?**
6. **Please briefly describe the ethics process that is required for using 3D printing parts in patients?**

The Trust does not have 3D printing facilities.

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