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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 29th June 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 Elective Surgery Operations sought outside the UK and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

FOI REQUEST:

My request relates to medical treatment by the NHS remediating elective surgery operations sought outside the UK.

I would like to request the following information:

1.) The number of patients treated by your NHS Trust from 2018 to 2023 so far (as much as recorded) for complications related to elective surgery undertaken outside the UK.

Please provide the numbers broken down year-by-year:

- a) 2018**
- b) 2019**
- c) 2020**
- d) 2021**
- e) 2022**
- d) 2023 (to date)**

If possible, please also:

- 2) indicate the original (outside the UK) medical treatment, and**
- 3) the subsequent treatment the patient received in the UK, at your trust**

Please provide the information in an electronic format, ideally an excel spreadsheet.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits, please provide advice and assistance as to how I can refine my request.

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine all sets of patient's notes. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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