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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 26th July 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 Breast Cancer Scans and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. How many patients have been screened for breast cancer within your organisation in the last 12 months (part of the National screening programme)?**

Zero (the Trust only image symptomatic patients and are not part of the National Screening Programme)

- 2. How many patients attended symptomatic clinics (patients referred on a 2 week wait pathway) for potential breast cancer within your organisation within the last 12 months?**

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- 3. Over the last 12 months, how many patients has your organisation scanned or screened for breast cancer with the following modalities?**

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| a) Mammography | - 6218 |
| b) Tomosynthesis | - 22 |

- c) **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)** - 171
d) **Computerised Tomography (CT)**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested as this is used for staging of scans and the data is not broken down for this. 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.

4. **How many mammography examinations have taken place in the last 12 months?**

6218

- **How many of the above patients received contrast media enhanced mammography?**

Zero

5. **How many individual devices does your organisation have for patients to access within your Trust?**

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| a) Standard Mammography | - Zero |
| b) Digital Mammography | - 2 |
| c) Tomosynthesis | - 2 |
| d) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) | - One with appropriate coil |
| e) Computerised Tomography (CT) | - 5 |

6. **How many private providers offer access for potential NHS breast cancer patients within your catchment area to the following modalities?**

- | | |
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| a) Mammography | - 1 |
| b) 1Tomosynthesis | - 0 |
| c) Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) | - 2 |
| d) Computerised Tomography (CT) | - 2 |

If yes to the above question, please can you name those providers?

- Woodlands BMI
- Spire Washington

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