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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 21st November 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 Complications resulting from Hyaluronic Acid Dermal Fillers and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Number of cases treated in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients.**
- 2. Number of hospital admissions in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients**
- 3. Number of surgical interventions required in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients**
- 4. Total spend in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients.**

The Trust are unable to identify this cohort of patients through the clinical coding and do 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 the sets of patient's notes for

the entire community which we serve which is 600,000 patients. 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 am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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