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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 23rd January 2024 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 Cardiac Info and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Do you still run cardiac CT or MRI services? Yes / No

Yes

If No proceed to Q13. If Yes, please provide responses to the following #2 to 12;

2. How many Cardiac CT scans did the Trust perform in 2022?

1,992

3. How many Cardiac MRI scans did the Trust perform in 2022?

6

4. What was the average waiting time from referral to scan for Cardiac CT?

4.5 days (excludes planned)

5. What was the average waiting time from referral to scan for Cardiac MRI?

6.3 Days (excludes Planned)

6. Does the Trust currently outsource reporting of cardiac CT scans? If so, what percentage was outsourced in 2022?

No

7. Does the Trust currently outsource reporting of cardiac MRI scans? If so, what percentage was outsourced in 2022?

Not Applicable

8. What is the estimated timespan for reporting following CT scan completion?

6.2 days (excludes Planned)

9. What is the estimated timespan for reporting following MRI scan completion?

42 days (excludes Planned)

10. How many patients have been delayed and put on the Cardiac CT waiting list?

11. How many patients have been delayed and put on the Cardiac MRI waiting list?

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 the sets of patient records. 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.

12. How many cardiac reporting radiologists and cardiologists do you have?

One Radiologist and 2 Cardiologists who report.

13. Are you planning to re-establish a cardiac CT or MRI service in the next 12 months?

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