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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 25th 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 Neurology Subspecialties and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please confirm the Trust holds the following data, and where it is held please provide the data as requested.

Cognitive Impairment and/or Dementia Service

- 1. Please can you confirm the Trust operates a Cognitive Impairment and/or Dementia Service?**

Yes

Any person 65 years or over, should be asked the dementia question including the AMTs, on admission or with 72 hours of admission, which is within our EPR system if from that question the person has increased confusion then a 4AT for delirium screening should be undertaken. The Trust does not have a medical consultant employed as a dementia specialist, two consultants are identified as the leads for dementia in the national audit of dementia. The Trust are able to refer to mental health for diagnoses if required and undertake investigations to support potential diagnosis if required regardless of the age of the person staff can seek support from mental health liaison and from the trust dementia nurse specialist.

2. **Please provide a Service Specification, and/or service description and/or other documents that describe this service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)**

See above (1)

3. **What is the title of the clinician who is clinically responsible for patients seen in this service? What GMC specialist register is this clinician on?**

n/a See above (1)

4. **Please provide any subspecialty pathways or protocols related to this service**

See above (1)

Headache Service

1. **Please can you confirm the Trust operates a Headache Service?**

No

2. **Please provide a Service Specification, and/or service description and/or other documents that describe this service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)**

3. **What is the title of the clinician who is clinically responsible for patients seen in this service? What GMC specialist register is this clinician on?**

4. **Please provide any subspecialty pathways or protocols related to this service**

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