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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 February 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 Malhotra Group and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Does your organisation have any ongoing so-called “block bookings/contracted beds” for care provision with the following private care companies:

- a) Malhotra Care Homes Limited**
- b) Prestwick Care Limited**
- c) Lifestyle Care (North East) Opco Limited**
- d) Malhotra Care Homes (Sunderland) Limited**

No

2. If so, how many beds are booked? Please provide details per care home where possible.

E.g. 50 beds contracted in Addison Court care home.

3. How much do you pay for any block bookings/contracted beds with these companies. Please list the amount per provider and the total cost of the contract where possible.

4. Are you reviewing your arrangement with any of these providers following revelations in a recent BBC Panorama investigation that staff are

overworked, feel trapped by their contracts, and Addison Court care home (run by Prestwick Care) had its rating suspended by the CQC? Please provide details per provider.

The Trust does not provide GP services. NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact the ICB, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact the organisation via the following address:

Information Governance Team
North of England Commissioning Support
John Snow House
Durham University Science Park
Durham
DH1 3YG

Email: necsu.ICBfoi@nhs.net

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