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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 9th April 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 financial efficiency targets and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please could you provide?

- A list of the independent sector healthcare providers being used by the trust to deliver elective care, what they are being used for and in what specialty, and how much the health board has spent on these in the past year.**

Name of provider	Workload	Specialty	2023-24 by value (£)
Cathedral Surgical Services	DC/EL	General Surgery	£569,987
Durham Surgical Services	OP	Breast	£820,688
Spire Healthcare	OP	Breast	£542,613
Outpatient Network	OP	Ophthalmology	£167,631
Key Performance International Healthcare	DC/EL	Theatres	£2,372,935
Kairos	OP	Dermatology	£50,175
Kairos	DC/EL	General Surgery	£259,052
Kairos	DC/EL	Orthopaedics	£258,878
			£5,041,959

2. A list of the independent sector healthcare providers being used by the trust to deliver diagnostics, what they are being used for and in what specialty, and how much the health board has spent on these in the past year.

Name of provider	Workload	Specialty	2023-24 by value (£)
Durham Path LLP	Diagnostics	Pathology	£281,709
Medica	Diagnostics	Radiology	£4,026,610
Backlogs Ltd	Diagnostics	Radiology	£101,158
Gastro Teams 77/Elite Teams	Diagnostics	Endoscopy	£328,545
Totally Healthcare	Diagnostics	Endoscopy	£168,245
			£4,906,267

3. What financial efficiency targets have been set by your health board this year (24/25)? Please provide your cost improvement/ financial efficiency plans for 24/25. How specifically is the health board aiming to make the financial savings required? And which specialties will be the most affected?

The Trust final plan for 2024/2025 has not yet been submitted. The Trust would advise that you request this data in the next 2 months.

4. What was the financial efficiency target set in 23-24, and did the health board meet this? If not, why not?

£35.8m, delivered in full.

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.cddffoi@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