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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 7th May 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 Virtual Wards and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Do you currently use virtual wards? (Y/N)

Yes

2. If yes,

i. Can you please specify how many virtual wards beds you have and the provider by specialty (Cancer care, respiratory care, cardiology care, diabetes care, stroke care, renal care, pre/post-operative care services, other)?

Respiratory

ii. How many patients have been admitted in virtual wards, per specialty, for the Financial Years (FY) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024YTD (Year to Date)?

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

- iii. **What are the values of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?**
- iv. **What are the durations of the contracts you have in place split by specialty and provider?**

The Trust has received funding for virtual wards which we have invested in internal schemes including the Expansion of COPD Hospital at Home and Virtual Ward.

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
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Email: necsu.ICBfoi@nhs.net

- 3. **If no,**
 - i. **If you are not currently using virtual wards, are you planning on using them in the future?**
 - ii. **For which specialties are you planning on using them?**
 - iii. **When would you start?**

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