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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Physical Rehabilitation Services and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**I am looking for information on rehabilitation service provisions for patients who have suffered serious or catastrophic injuries such as spinal cord injuries and traumatic brain injuries, so am looking for areas of medicine under physical therapy such as physiotherapy, specialist stroke rehabilitation care, support for those with limb loss or non-congenital prosthesis needs, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, vestibular rehabilitation.**

**I would like to know:**

**1. What is this Trust's budget for physical rehabilitation services for FY2023/24.**

£16,392,335, this includes Physio in Community Therapy, as well as therapy administrative costs. There are no SALT staff in Community Therapy.

**2. How much has been spent on physical rehabilitation services each year since 2014 to date.**

- **How is this spending broken down by service provisions.**
- **What proportion of this is inpatient vs outpatient.**

- **How many patients accessed rehabilitation services, or how many appointments were fulfilled, each year from 2014 to date.**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. Not all of these services are in the same care groups. The financial data is not broken down by different injuries, etc. 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.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**