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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 5 July 2021 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 Urological procedures and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**We request details about endo urological procedures delivered annually by your hospital/ Trust. Please find attached a list of the procedures and associated HRG codes.**

**Please can you let us know how many of each of these procedures you actually delivered in 2019/ 2020 and 2020/ 2021?**

**Please can you also tell us how many of each of these procedures were cancelled on the planned day of delivery as a result of the patient having a UTI, in 2019/ 2020 and 2020/ 2021?**

Please find attached the spreadsheet containing your response information and note that the Trust is unable to provide the details on cancelled procedures. This is due to patients not being allocated a Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) code if the operation is cancelled. The Trust does not centrally record the information you have requested relating to cancellations and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine hundreds of sets of patient's notes. 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 am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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**