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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 27th April 2022 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 heart failure service information and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. What is the name of your Heart Failure Service?

County Durham and Darlington Heart Failure Service

2. Population served by the Heart Failure Service?

600,000

3. What is the service setting?

- a. Acute hospital**
- b. Community hospital**
- c. Integrated care**
- d. Primary care**

Acute hospital with community specialist heart failure nurses

4. Approximate case load of Heart Failure patients seen per week?

360 across acute and community settings

5. Number of follow ups in 2021/22?

Approximately 1000

6. Which populations do you provide the following services for and are you commissioned for these services?

- a. Heart Failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)
- b. Heart Failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)

Yes, both A and B

7. Staff dedicated to Heart Failure:

- a. Number of Heart Failure consultants (pa's) - 7
- b. Number of Heart Failure nurses (WTE) - 11.2
- c. Number of Heart Failure Pharmacists (WTE) - 0

Whilst there are no pharmacists dedicated to heart failure alone, the Trust has cardiology pharmacists who contribute.

8. Which of these (a to g) does your NHS organisation have?

- a. Access to open access ECHO - Yes
- b. Access to Cardiac rehab? - Yes
- c. HF Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) - Yes
- d. Cardiologist Non HF specialist - No
- e. Cardiologist HF specialist - Yes
- f. Cardiology Pharmacist - Yes
- g. GPwER (previously called GPwSI) - No

9. Which of the following (h to n) service models do you provide?

- a. Acute inpatient - Yes
- b. HF outpatient - Yes
- c. Hospital based ambulatory heart failure unit - No
- d. Community based ambulatory heart failure unit - No
- e. Home based service / care - Yes
- f. Community based clinic - Yes
- g. Heart Failure virtual ward - No

10. Do you believe that the current service specification adequately reflects the range and volume of activity your service provides? (Yes / No)

Yes

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