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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21st June 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 orthopaedic follow up and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. An adult patient (who usually lives in your catchment area) sustains an injury, whilst out of area, that requires Orthopaedic follow up as an outpatient. They have attended the Emergency Department nearest to where they are staying and received initial management and are now able to be discharged for outpatient follow up. They would like to have this managed at their local hospital (your NHS Trust):**
What mechanism would the referral hospital need to go through to ensure this follow up and timely review occurs. Please include as much detail as possible, imagining that you are the clinician at the referring hospital.
- 2. A paediatric patient, aged 16 and under, (who usually lives in your catchment area) sustains an injury, whilst out of area, that requires Orthopaedic follow up as an outpatient. They have attended the Emergency Department nearest to where they are staying and received initial management and are now able to be discharged for outpatient follow up. They would like to have this managed at their local hospital (your NHS Trust):**
What mechanism would the referral hospital need to go through to ensure this follow up and timely review occurs. Please include as much detail as possible, imagining that you are the clinician at the referring hospital.

There are two ways that a patient who meets the criteria in the above examples could be referred to the Trust:

Firstly, the referring hospital can contact the on call consultant, or secretary of the patient's local hospital and the necessary paperwork such as imaging and patient letters will be transferred over for review by an on call consultant to decide an appropriate clinic to book into.

The second way would be for the patient's GP to send the patient details onward on receipt, of the ED discharge letter to their local hospital to arrange an appointment.

This process is the same for adults and paediatrics.

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