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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 July 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 discharge medicines service and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am requesting the following information on the NHS discharge medicine service (DMS), which became a nationally commissioned service on 15 February 2021.

1. When did your trust begin referring patients through the NHS DMS?

23rd June 2022

2. How many patients has your trust referred to community pharmacies through the DMS between 15 February 2021 and 14 July 2022?

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a. How many patients has your trust discharged in total within this timeframe?

Elective Daycases	- 49,425
Elective Inpatients	- 7,194
Emergency Inpatients	- 113,405
Total Discharges	- 170,024

3. According to [national guidance for operating the DMS](#), trusts are responsible for developing their own eligibility criteria for patients referred through the service that meet “local population needs” (see page 13). Please could you supply a copy of your trust’s eligibility criteria for referring patients through the DMS?

The Trust’s eligibility criteria is:

- Patient on compliance aids
- Patients with new medicines
- Patients with medicine changes

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