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Mr G Brown
Email only

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Dear Mr Brown

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 January 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the expenditure over £25,000. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Thank you for publishing your data on expenditure over £25,000. However, I notice that your spend data is in pdf format, which is not machine readable and so cannot be used for data analysis.

I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all transactions over £25,000 from August 2017 to December 2018.

Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

Your team may also be interested in the guidance on producing spending data, which specifies that the data must be published in a machine readable format:<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-publishing-spend-over-25000>***. This letter makes it clear that this guidance applies to the NHS:***

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/216668/dh_119742.pdf.

Please note that it is permissible to request data in a specified format under the terms of the FOI Act: <https://www.journalism.co.uk/news/court-rules-freedom-of-information-requests-can-specify-file-format/s2/a557580/>.

For the avoidance of doubt, I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I await your response within 20 working days. Please be aware that I will continue to submit FOI requests to you on a monthly basis until all your spending data is published in a machine-readable format.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Please find attached the information as requested. The Trust does not have December 2018 information as yet as a new finance system has been installed and the reporting element of that system is still being worked upon (which ensures that the data generated from the Reports is correct and valid).

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely



Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer