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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 19 January 2016 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 cervical screening test results over the past three years. Specifically you asked:

In the past three years, how many cervical screening test requests (previously known as a smear test) have been rejected by you for testing by your NHS clinical pathology labs because the patient was under 24 years and 6 months of age at the time of the sample being collected?

I would like a year by year breakdown for the last three years (i.e. 3 tests in 2014)?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Below is a list of samples we have rejected as the ladies were under 24.5 years when the sample was taken:

2013: 10 samples

2014: 9 samples

2015: 1 sample

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
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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
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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