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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 16 August 2017 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 waiting times for operations. Specifically you asked:

Waiting times for operations

For each of the following operations:

- 1. How many operations were carried out by your trust a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017;***
- 2. What was the average wait for each operation at your trust a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017;***
- 3. What was the longest wait for each operation at your trust a) between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016 and b) between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017;***

Please give data for the following operations:

- A. Hip replacements***
- B. Knee replacements***
- C. Cataracts***
- D. Hernia operations***
- E. Removal of gallstones***
- F. Removal of tonsils.***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

	<i>Total operations between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016</i>	<i>Total operations between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017</i>	<i>Average wait between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016</i>	<i>Average wait between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017</i>	<i>Longest wait between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016</i>	<i>Longest wait between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017</i>
A. Hip replacements	825	981	16	21	46	47
B. Knee replacements	635	761	15	22	40	48
C. Cataracts	3021	2437	13	15	34	34
D. Hernia operations	1091	1051	13	17	42	46
E. Removal of gallstones	137	159	16	4	42	5
F. Removal of tonsils.	391	297	11	11	29	30

** For the removal of Gallstones there are low numbers of electives hence the big variance between the 2 years**

Please note that the Average and Longest Wait are given in weeks.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer