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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 20 December 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 caesarean sections. Specifically you asked:

***This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Please provide the following information to help us to assess variation in accessibility to maternal request.***

- Advise how many maternal request caesarean sections with no obstetric, medical or significant psychological reason were carried out by each obstetric unit within your Trust between April 2016 and April 2017?***

Answer: For the period 01/04/16 to 31/03/17, the number of women having caesarean sections, with an indication for induction as ‘mothers request’:

| <b>Delivery Type</b>   | <b>Darlington Memorial Hospital</b> | <b>University Hospital North Durham</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| CS3 No maternal or fetal compromise but needs early delivery | 5                                   | 5                                       |
| CS4 Delivery timed to suit woman or staff                    | 16                                  | 10                                      |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>21</b>                           | <b>15</b>                               |

- ***Provide a copy of any locally agreed guidelines, staff guidelines and patient information leaflets that explain how requests for maternal request caesarean sections will be handled by the Trust?***

Answer: Please see Page 6 in the attached Policy. The Trust does not have a specific leaflet re maternal request without clinical indication for C/S.

- ***Please provide an explanation as to how you specifically meet NICE CG132 1.2.9.5 and if you are not, please provide the reason.***

Answer: The Trust would aim to refer to another consultant with the unit booked for request for C/S.

***Please note that we would like the ability to share and/or publish your response (as per the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 (RPSI), and will assume we have permission to do so, unless you state clearly which parts of your response are not for sharing or for publication and the reasons for this.***

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**