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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 February 2018 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 arthroscopies and knee replacements. Specifically you asked:

1. *How many arthroscopies have been carried out by the Trust in the last 12 months or financial year, whichever is available?*

Answer: 561 arthroscopies (including diagnostic procedures) in the period 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017.

1a *what is the average waiting time for the procedure?*

Answer: The average wait time between the decision to add the patient to the waiting list and the procedure date is 11 weeks 4 days.

2. *How many knee replacements have been carried out by the Trust in the last 12 months or financial year, whichever is available?*

Answer: 637 knee replacements have been carried out during the period 01/01/17 – 31/12/17.

2a *what is the average waiting time for the operation?*

Answer: The average wait time between the decision to add the patient to the waiting list and the procedure date is 19 weeks 2 days.

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