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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 Foley catheters. Specifically you asked:

***Please can you provide me with the following information relating to your NHS Trust, as per the Freedom of Information Act:***

***1. How many female patients in your Trust had a Foley catheter during the last 12 months?***

Answer: 325 female patients coded.

***2. How many Foley catheters were used in your Trust during the last 12 months?***

Answer: 836 total patients coded, not total number used.

***3. How many of those Foley catheters were used for a female patient?***

Answer: 38.9% - percentage of females coded.

***4. Of your total Foley catheter usage, what percentage was used on females?***

Answer: 38.9% - as Q3 above, percentage of females coded.

***5. How many Foley catheters are used per patient during their total hospital stay?***

Answer: The Trust does not code the quantity used.

**6. Of your patients who have a Foley catheter, how long do they stay in hospital on average?**

Answer: 10.6 days.

**7. Of your patients who have a Foley catheter, what percentage would be longer term patients? i.e. stay over the above stated average in hospital**

Answer: 32.4%.

**8. Of the total number of female patients using a Foley catheter, what percentage has any of the following:**

**a) Faecal incontinence**

Answer: Faecal incontinence - R15.X (Like "\*R15.X\*") 0.6%

**b) Obstruction / atonic bladder**

Answer: Obstruction / atonic bladder - N13.9, N32.0 or N31.2 (Like "\*N13.9\*" Or Like "\*N32.0\*" Or Like "\*N31.2\*") 0%

**c) Surgery in perineal area**

Answer: No diagnostic code represented, unable to provide.

Please note that for the purposes of clinical coding, urinary catheters are only recorded when a patient is specifically admitted for this or when a patient develops urinary retention and requires catheterisation.

There are other instances of catheterisation, for example, for comfort purposes whilst admitted as an inpatient, which will not be reflected in the coding.

The answers are provided on the basis of the numbers of patients coded, covering a 12 month period from January to December 2017.

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  
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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**