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

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 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 for:

***Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information for all of the Trusts that you cover:***

***1. What is the average length of time per patient to change a Foley catheter?***

Answer: The Trust policy states that a medium term catheter can be left in place for up to 28 days and that a long term catheter can be left in place for up to 12 weeks. We do not collect any data on what the average length of time per patient to change a Foley catheter is.

***2. Of those patients who have a Foley catheter, what proportion do you estimate will develop a CAUTI?***

Answer: The Trust does not collect estimated data on the proportion of patients who will develop a CAUTI out of those patients who have a Foley catheter. The Trust carries out an annual point prevalence survey from April 2017 data, 16% of patients had a Foley catheter in place and 2.4% of those had a CAUTI.

***3. How many patients today have a CAUTI in your Trust?***

Answer: This data is not collected by the Trust

***4. On average (in days), when does the patient develop a CAUTI?***

Answer: This data is not collected by the Trust

**5. How many times a day (24 hours) do you assist patients with a CAUTI?**

Answer: This data is not collected by the Trust

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  
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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**