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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 April 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 coded information. Specifically you asked for:

The number of episodes that, when coded, have been given a specific diagnosis/procedure code. This information is usually obtained from your coding department.

Please find response below for the time period 01/10/15 – 28/02/18 for patients under specialties 424 (well babies) and 422 (neonatal special care).

Between 1st October 2015 and 31st March 2018, please can you tell me the number of episodes from all hospitals in your Trust that have been coded with:

1) Any diagnosis from the category Z38 (i.e. Z38.0 – Z38.8, I believe obtained by searching for Z38.X, but local procedures may vary). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary?

Explanation: This is looking at the number of live births in the time period in your Trust.

Answer: Total 12,032 live births.

2) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given the diagnosis code P39.9. This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary?

Explanation: This is looking at the number of the above patients who were screened and treated for sepsis, without diagnosed bacteraemia.

Answer: Total 3 patients.

3) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given a diagnosis from the category P36 (ie P36.0 – P36.9, I believe this is searched for by P36.X). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary?

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who had a bacterial sepsis.

Answer: Total 380 patients.

4) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has the procedure code A55.8 or A55.9?

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who have had a lumbar puncture, an investigation for meningitis.

Answer: Total 70 patients.

5) The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has any diagnosis from the category G00, G01, G02, or G03. These diagnoses could be in any position, principle or secondary?

Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who actually were diagnosed with meningitis.

Answer: Total 6 patients.

Notes to help complete request:

For each of 1) 2) 3) 4) and 5), you only need to provide one number for the number of episodes for each; they do not need to be broken down in to subcategories. If any of the answers is zero, please state as such (or state you do not hold any information on it).

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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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