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

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 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 pressure sores. Specifically you asked for:

***1. How many patients were admitted from the community to the Trust with avoidable grade 2, grade 3, grade 4 pressure sores from 2010 to 2017?***

Answer: Please see the answer to question 2 below.

***2. How many patients were admitted from the community to CDDFT with unavoidable grade 2, grade 3, grade 4 pressure sores from 2010 to 2017?***

Answer to Questions 1 & 2: The Trust does not record this information. Patients who are admitted with pressure damage come from a variety of sources, such as their own home (with or without District Nursing involvement), other trusts, care homes and residential homes. When these patients are received into hospital we often do not have the information to be able to review the circumstances before they came under our care so we are unable to state whether this is avoidable or unavoidable. We do not do a previous review but do carry out a review whilst the patient is in our care.

**3. How many patients developed avoidable grade 2 grade 3 grade 4 pressure sores whilst in CDDFT from 2010 to 2017?**

	<b><u>Grade 2 avoidable</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3 Avoidable</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 4 Avoidable</u></b>
2010/2011	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available
2011/2012	40	5	1
2012/2013	33	3	0
2013/2014	16	3	1
2014/2015	12	1	0
2015/2016	2	1	0
2016/2017	5	1	0
2017/2018	0	1	0

**4. How many patients developed unavoidable grade 2, grade 3, grade 4 pressure sores whilst in CDDFT from 2010 to 2017?**

	<b><u>Grade 2 Unavoidable</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3 Unavoidable</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 4 Unavoidable</u></b>
2010/2011	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available
2011/2012	98	1	1
2012/2013	59	1	0
2013/2014	62	1	0
2014/2015	31	1	0
2015/2016	30	0	0
2016/2017	29	1	0
2017/2018	14	0	0

**5. How many patients in total were admitted with pressure sores grade 2, grade 3, grade 4 to CDDFT in the years 2010 to 2017?**

	<b><u>Grade 2</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 3</u></b>	<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>
2010/2011	Data unavailable	Data unavailable	Data unavailable
2011/2012	392	115	53
2012/2013	503	90	52
2013/2014	560	120	42
2014/2015	800	118	38
2015/2016	709	98	41
2016/2017	915 in total not split by Grade		
2017/2018	734 in total not split by Grade		

**6. How many patients in total developed pressure sores grade 2, grade 3, grade 4 whilst in CDDFT in the years 2010 to 2017?**

Answer: Please see the data as per question 3 & 4 above.

**7. How many patients with pressure sores grade 2 grade 3 grade 4 were referred as serious untoward incidents (SUI) to the CQC by CDDFT in 2010 to 2017?**

Answer: The Trust does not refer routinely to the CQC. The reporting mechanism for this organisation is to report any pressure sore SI (Serious Incident) on the STEIS system in line with other organisations and national guidance, which can then be viewed by CQC. All grade 3 and grade 4 sores are reported as SIs on STEIS, therefore the numbers of patients reported as SI in each year is the total of the grade 3 and grade 4 pressure ulcers included in the tables for that year in response to questions 3 and 4. Grade 2 pressure sores are not reported on STEIS.

NHS Improvement host the Strategic Executive Information System (StEIS). It was previously provided by the Department of Health and Social Care on NHS Improvement's behalf.

The system facilitates the reporting of Serious Incidents and the monitoring of serious incident investigations between providers of NHS-funded care and commissioners. NHS England (regional and direct commissioning operations teams) and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are responsible for managing the system within their geographical boundaries.

**8. How many patients with hospital acquired (HAI) infections were referred to the CQC by CDDFT in the years 2010 to 2017?**

Answer: The Trust does not refer routinely to the CQC. There are mandatory reporting mechanisms for organisations to follow for reporting HCAI. HCAI SI is reported externally to STEIS in line with national guidance. All other HCAI incidences are mandatorily reported to Public Health England via the national HCAI Data capture system and reports are made publically available quarterly via the Department of Health (DH) website. If you wish to contact the DH in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/healthcare-associated-infections-hcai-guidance-data-and-analysis>.

This link will take you to DH HCAI guidance, data and analysis, scroll down to Epidemiology section where you will find a list of organisms. By clicking on an organism you will be taken to Monthly data by NHS Trust.

***I would be grateful if the figures for (HAI)s could be broken down to include C.Difficile, MRSA, Hospital Acquired pneumonia, Falls, Sepsis, septicaemia related to infected pressure sores?***

As stated above, this information is publicly available from the DH website at the link noted above. Reportable Healthcare Acquired Infections (HCAI) follow the definitions set nationally, which include C.Difficile and MRSA; however, the definitions do not include the other types of infection or harm noted in your question.

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:

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County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
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Wycliffe House  
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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

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