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

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 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 Lipoedema. Specifically you asked for:

***1. How many patients have received compression tights and/or stockings funded by the CCG in the management of Lipoedema in the last 12 months?***

Answer: *Please note, all answers provided below are provided by the Trust (not the CCG).* For the year 1/4/2017 until 31/3/2018, 30 patients were identified as having the characteristics of lipoedema defined by Lipoedema UK. All have been issued with compression hosiery either tights or stockings.

***2. How many patients have received Manual Lymphatic Drainage massage (MLD) funded by the CCG for the management of Lipoedema in the last 12 months?***

Answer: 1 patient received MLD treatment in the above period. MLD is offered in accordance with guidelines. Where co-morbidities exist MLD can be contra-indicated and not effective for everyone.

***3. How many patients have received funded surgical intervention for Lipoedema funded by the CCG in the last 12 months?***

Answer: No patients have been noted to have had surgical intervention.

Please note that the answers above are for referrals received as leg swelling or lipo/lymphedema.

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  
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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

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