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

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 May 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 tests. Specifically you asked:

***How many of the following tests, from the last available twelve-month period, are under taken each year at your Trust:***

#### ***EMG - Electromyography test***

Answer: see below\*

#### ***NCS - Nerve conduction study test***

Answer: 600 nerve conduction tests carried out between Oct 2016-Oct 2017

#### ***EEG - Electroencephalography test***

Answer: Patients needing EEG/VEP studies we refer such patients to Neurology services at RVI.

#### ***PSG - Polysomnography test***

Answer: The Trust undertake in part – not full polysomnography which also includes EEG and other evoked potentials (done at Neuro centres), but ambulatory sleep studies. We do 1600 per year across the Trust.

#### ***VEP - Visual Evoked Potential***

Answer: Patient needing EEG/VEP studies we refer such patients to neurology services at RVI.

***.SEP - Somatosensory Evoked Potential Test***

Answer: see below\*

***BAEP - Brainstem auditory evoked potential test***

Answer: see below\*

***MEP - Motor Evoked Potentials test***

Answer: see below\*

***IOM - Intraoperative Neurophysiological Monitoring test***

Answer:\* EEG/neurophysiology testing is not provided by CDDFT and is commissioned with other provider organisations, South Tees for South and Sunderland for North, as with other neurological investigations (evoked potential testing), these are generally performed by neurophysiologists,

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  
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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**