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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 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 surgery for open fractures. Specifically you asked for:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request as follows:

1. Does the Trust perform surgery for open fractures?

Answer: Yes

2. Does the Trust have a specific guideline/policy regarding antibiotic prophylaxis for patients with open fractures?

Answer: Yes

- ***If yes, please could this be emailed to me***

Answer: Please see below.

Open fractures	Co-amoxiclav	1.2g IV	8 hourly Start as soon as possible after injury (ideally within 3 hours)	Continue antibiotics until soft tissue closure OR for a maximum of 72 hours, whichever is sooner <i>*NOTE: Dosing of Gentamicin is outwith of the current Gentamicin dosing algorithm. For patients requiring more than one dose a gentamicin level should be taken 22 hours post dose. If the level is less than 1mg/l then continue giving the same dose once a day if indicated. For levels greater than 1mg/l discuss dosage adjustment with a Microbiologist. Discuss with Microbiology when further levels are required.</i>
	PLUS Gentamicin	*240mg IV (if less than 60kg 120mg)	Stat dose less than 30 minutes before incision	
	PLUS if concerns about MRSA	800mg (if less than 60kg 400mg)	Stat dose less than 30 minutes before incision	
	Teicoplanin	800mg (if less than 60kg 400mg)	Daily Start as soon as possible after injury (ideally within 3 hours)	
	<u>Penicillin allergic</u> Teicoplanin	*240mg IV (if less than 60kg 120mg)	Stat dose less than 30 minutes before incision	
	PLUS Gentamicin			

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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