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

Thank you for your request for information received on 29 June 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 the 6 in 1 Vaccine. Specifically you asked:

***For the purpose of this request please treat the 6-in-1 vaccine as encompassing all three doses.***

***I would like you to provide me with:***

***a) The number of 6-in-1 vaccines offered to be given to babies in the financial years 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16?***

***b) The number of 6-in-1 vaccines that were refused by parents or guardians of the baby in the financial year 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16?***

***c) The number of children diagnosed with any of the following in 2017/18 alone, who had not received the 6-in-1 vaccine when they were a baby because their parent or guardian had refused it? If a child was diagnosed with more than one of the below, please provide that information:***

***diphtheria, hepatitis B, Hib, polio, tetanus, or whooping cough.***

### ***County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:***

The Trust does not administer the vaccines directly to children. Immunisations are provided by GPs. The Trust schedules the immunisation appointments and keeps records of uptake for NHS England, for the areas covered by Darlington CCG;

Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG and North Durham CCG. The total number of 6 in 1 immunisations (fully completed courses) and the total number of refusals are provided below.

Year	Total immunisations	Refusals
2015/16		
2016/17		
2017/18	1980	1

Please note that the 6 in 1 immunisation was only introduced for babies born after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 therefore it is impossible to give figures for this vaccine from 2015.

The Trust does not record information on subsequent diseases mapped to refusals and is therefore unable to answer the latter part of your request. .

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  
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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

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**