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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 July 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 spinal cord stimulation consent forms. Specifically you asked for:

Q1. Does your Trust use a standard pre-designed consent form (or set of consent forms) for any of the spinal cord stimulation (SCS) procedures listed in the table below? Please specify for which of these procedures such a consent form exists?

Answer: The Trust uses the standard consent form for all procedures.

Q2. If your Trust does use standard consent forms, please provide me with digital copies of the relevant forms and make clear what procedures each consent form is used for?

Answer: The attached consent form is used for all procedures

Q3. Please provide digital copies of any patient information leaflets or guidance about SCS that is given to patients by your Trust?

Answer: Please see attached.

Q4. With reference to your Trust's coding database, please tell me how many of each of the following SCS procedures were performed by your Trust in each of the years 2016 and 2017 – the relevant OPCS 4.x codes are:

OPCS4.2 Code	OPCS4.3 Code	OPCS4.4 Code	OPCS4.5 Code	OPCS4.6 Code	OPCS4.7 Code	OPCS4.8 Code	Description
A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	A48.3	Insertion of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	A48.4	Attention to neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord NEC
A48.4	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	A48.5	Reprogramming of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.4 + Y03.7	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	A48.6	Removal of neurostimulator adjacent to spinal cord
A48.3	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	A48.7	Insertion of neurostimulator electrodes into the spinal cord

Answer:

Oper	2016	2017
A483	1	1
A484	1	7
A485	0	0
A486	0	1
A487	2	0

Q5. Which OPCS coding version (or version of whatever other coding system) is used by your trust (e.g., OPCS 4.5)?

Answer: The Trust currently use OPCS 4.8

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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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer