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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 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 the sanitary products. Specifically you asked for:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

1. Does your Trust have a policy on providing sanitary products during menstruation, for free, to inpatients in hospitals/clinics?

Answer: No

2. If yes, can you please provide me with copies of this policy and any relevant documentation relating to how it this policy is implemented?

Answer: N/A

3. Can you provide details of what happens if a patient runs short of sanitary products during a hospital stay? Is there a process by which the hospital/clinic in question will provide these products – if yes, please provide full details of what the process is?

Answer: All wards carry sanitary products for patients. If the staff are informed then the patient is supplied with sanitary products. These are free for all patients.

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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer