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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 August 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 continence and catheterisation. Specifically you asked for:

1. How many specialist urology/continence nurses were there within your Trust in each of the last five financial years?

Answer: Please note, Urology services are now no longer managed by the Trust. The Urology service is provided by City Hospital Sunderland in the North and James Cook University Hospital in the South.

The number of Continence Nurses has varied over the last years due to vacancies and long term sickness. There are currently 5 Continence Nurses working in the Community Continence Team.

2. How many hours of staff training were allocated in the last financial year, under the remit of continence care, to catheterisation?

A maximum of 14 hours catheter training was provided in the financial year 2017/18, which was a reduction in comparison with previous years due to staff sickness and leave within the team.

3. Do you have a named continence lead within your Trust? If so, what is their name?

Answer: Yes, Sarah Aungiers and Ruth Cooper.

4. Are catheter passports used within your Trust?

Answer: Yes.

a. If no, can you provide a reason as to why?

b. If yes, has the number of passports given to patients increased over the last 5 years?

Answer: The catheter passport has only been within the Trust since April 2017.

5. If a catheter passport is used within your Trust does it contain a urine colour chart?

Answer No it does not.

6. Do you have a urine colour chart on every toilet door within each hospital?

Answer: Unable to answer as Community based.

7. Do you test patients presenting with urinary bladder complications with a bladder ultrasound scanner?

Answer: As part of Specialist assessment within our clinics we would bladder scan based on clinical assessment

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.

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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