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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 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 treatment to burns/scalds. Specifically you asked for:

Statistics for burns/scalds to individuals who have been treated in hospital relating to hot water systems, specifically caused by:

1. Number of individuals who were scalded as a result of injuries caused by central heating radiators and associated pipework for 2017

Answer: 3

2. Number of individuals who were scalded as a consequence of bath/sink immersion for 2017

Answer: No specific code – unable to identify.

3. Number of individuals who were scalded as result of tap splash/spill for 2017

Answer: 1

4. Number of individuals who were scalded from showers for 2017

Answer: No specific code – unable to identify.

5. Number of individuals who were admitted into hospital following burns/scalds received from above

Answer: There were 27 patients admitted for scalds burns in 2017 but only 4 with the criteria above.

Please note that within the A&E dataset there is no code that would identify the origin of the burn as detailed in the varying hot water descriptions below, so therefore, cannot be provided for patients that solely attended ED and were not admitted.

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
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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

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Freedom of Information Officer