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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 16 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 ankylossia (tongue-tie) in babies. Specifically you asked for:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you kindly provide me with the following information for your NHS Foundation Trust (or if you represent a number of Trusts, for all the Trusts you are responsible for).

- 1. How many babies (i.e.) below the age of 1) were diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in each financial year since 2013/14?***

Answer:

Fiscal year	Total
2013/2014	67
2014/2015	71
2015/2016	122
2016/2017	159
2017/2018	217

- 2. Of the babies diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in 2017 how many had a surgical procedure carried out by NHS surgeons to resolve these specific issues, and how long did they wait (on average, in calendar days) for the procedure following diagnosis?**

Answer: 19 procedures. (Codes: F26.2 Excision of frenulum of tongue, F26.3 Incision of frenulum of tongue), average wait time 1.4 days

- 3. In 2017, what was the mean age of babies with such issues when the ankylossia (tongue-tie) procedure was performed?**

Answer: Mean age of babies at procedure date: 3 days.

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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