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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 1<sup>st</sup> October 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 hernia mesh implant devices. Specifically you asked:

**1. How many hernia mesh implant devices have been purchased in each of the following financial years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?**

Answer:

Please see the data below in response to questions 1, 2 & 3.

The products are supplied by NHS Supply Chain (NHS SC) and NHS SC does not hold any information dating back further than 2014, therefore the information supplied is for 2014 to date:

2014-2015

NPC	MPC	Supplier	Manufacturer	QTY	Spend
FAL13078	SYM15F	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	6	2444.52
FAL13079	SYM2015	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	6	3602.46
FAL13089	SYM3020	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	5	4063.16
FAL13094	SYM3728	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	1	1564.95
Grand Total				18	11675.09

2015-2016

NPC	MPC	Supplier	Manufacturer	Qty	Spend
FAL13078	SYM15F	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	29	9005.4
FAL13079	SYM2015	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	12	4941.77
FAL13089	SYM3020	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	6	5804.52
Grand Total				43	19751.69

2016-2017

NPC	MPC	Supplier	Manufacturer	Qty	Spend
FAL13078	SYM15F	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	27	12679.74
FAL13079	SYM2015	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	14	9688.98
FAL13089	SYM3020	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	3	2899.29
FAL13094	SYM3728	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	4	5684.88
Grand Total				48	30952.89

2017-2018

NPC	MPC	Supplier	Manufacturer	Qty	Spend
FAL13078	SYM15F	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	25	11740.5
FAL13079	SYM2015	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	10	6920.7
FAL13089	SYM3020	NHS supply Chain	Medtronic	4	3865.72
Grand Total				39	22526.92

See below for description of each product code

Code	Description
SYM3020	Incisional hernia mesh Composite mesh/30 20 cm box of 1 large
SYM2015	Incisional hernia mesh Composite mesh/20 15 cm box of 1 medium
SYM3728	Incisional hernia mesh Composite mesh/30 20 cm box of 1 large
SYM15F	Incisional hernia mesh Composite mesh elliptical with thread /17 10 cm box of 1 medium

**2. Please provide the total annual cost of hernia mesh implant devices purchased for those same years requested in question one?**

Answer: Please see above tables.

**3. Please provide the different types of meshes purchased and the name of the manufacturer for those same years requested in question one?**

Answer: Please see above tables.

**4. Please provide how many patients received which type of mesh in each year requested in question one?**

Answer: The Trust does not code the different types of mesh.

**5. How many hernia operation were carried out in those same years requested in question one?**

Answer:

<b>Hernia Operations</b>					
<b>Financial Year</b>					
<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
1156	1097	1148	1143	1105	1017

**6. How many follow up appointments with the implanting surgeon are standard practice for patients who have had a hernia operation, either as a day case or inpatient?**

Answer: Zero or one.

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer