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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 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 septic arthritis. Specifically you asked for:

I am interested in the variation between the guidelines in UK relating to the management of septic arthritis. Please complete the two attached surveys.

I would also be very grateful if you would forward the guidelines your hospital uses for septic arthritis in both paediatrics and adult populations. If you don't currently use a guideline I would also be grateful to know.

If your trust manages multiple hospitals, please could a survey be completed for each hospital that manages septic arthritis?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Please see completed forms attached for Adult and Paediatric septic arthritis. The Trust does not have any protocol/Guidelines. Please note that the Trust does not treat septic arthritis at Bishop Auckland Hospital.

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
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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