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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 13 December 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 repairs. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Further to our conversation today, I would be grateful if, under the Freedom of Information Act, could you provide me with the following information please:-

I need to establish whether

All responses shown are for the period December 2017 to November 2018 inclusive.

1. Any of your Hospital Trust surgeons repair hernias without using mesh implants? How many have been carried out?

Answer: Yes, 321 procedures performed.

2. Any of your hernia surgeons remove mesh that is causing complications? How many have been carried out?

Answer: Yes, 174 procedures performed.

3. Any of your Hospital Trust surgeons repair without using mesh implants in the following areas? Please specify which surgeon specialises in each of the following areas?

A. Womb: 142 - Mr K A M N Osman and Miss K Grant performed highest number of procedures (colorectal)

B. Bladder: 4 - Dr E Damigos, Miss S E Green, Mr I M Bain and Mr R W Beukenholdt performed an equal amount of procedures (colorectal and gynae)

C. Vagina: 174 - Mr P J Blakeman and Mr JW Bradley performed highest number of procedures (gynae)

D. Rectum: 29 - Miss S E Green and Mr S Harrison performed highest number of procedures (colorectal)

E. Bowel: 26 - Miss S E Noblett performed the highest number of procedures (colorectal)

4. Any of your surgeons remove mesh that is causing complications from the following areas? Again, please specify each surgeon alongside their specialism separately?

A. Womb: None performed in period.

B. Bladder: None performed in period.

C. TVT /TVTo/vaginal: None performed in period

D. Rectal: Yes, Miss S E Green performed 1 procedure in period (colorectal)

E. Bowel: None performed in period

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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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