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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 January 2019 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 eye procedures. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Could you please assist me with a request for information regarding some common eye procedures carried out by the trust? If possible, I would like to know:

1. Is the Trusts ophthalmology service currently funded through payment by results or through a fixed (block) contract, or aligned incentive contract?

Answer: Block contract.

1a if it is currently payment by results are there plans to move to an aligned incentive contract in 2019?

Answer: N/A

2. The number of cataract operations carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital. Please include C71, C72, C73, C74 and C75.

Answer: The Trust has provided the information on the procedure codes given in a primary position (please note that December 2018 is not a fully coded month as yet).

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
UHND	1	1	1
BAH	1382	1315	1092
DMH	980	1050	1122

3. The number of glaucoma filtering surgeries (to include trabeculectomy [C60.1], deep sclerectomy [C52.1 & C52.2] and viscocanulostomy [C60.6]) carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
DMH	25	23	29

4. The number of minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries [C60.5] (to include iStent, Xen, and Cypass) carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
DMH	0	0	7

5. The number of selective laser trabeculoplasty [C61.1] procedures carried out by the trust annually for the last three years, which hospitals the operations were carried out at, and the number at each hospital.

	2016 (Jan-Dec)	2017 (Jan-Dec)	2018 (Jan-Dec)
BAH	2	3	11
DMH	34	16	39

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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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