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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 1st February 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 knife injuries. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

1. How many people have been treated for serious knife injuries (those which require stitches or worse)?

Answer: The Trust is unable to determine whether injuries are serious or not; activity is not coded to that level of detail. Two tables are provided below; admissions to hospital (the numbers of patients admitted with a knife injury that had a procedure); and, A&E attendance figures (includes any knife injury where the patient had stitches and was not admitted to hospital)

1. Admissions with knife injury where a procedure was carried out

	Total Number	Youngest age	Oldest age
2016	191	4	87
2017	162	1	76
2018	178	1	85

2. A&E attendances not admitted to hospital - knife injuries requiring stitches

	Total Number	Youngest age	Oldest age
2016	4	18	39
2017	3	24	37
2018	3	21	34

2. How many people have been treated for life threatening knife injuries?

Answer: Unable to provide as unable to determine what is life threatening from the coding used.

3. How many people have been treated for multiple knife injuries in the same attack?

Answer: Unable to provide as coding does not go to that level

4. How many people have been treated for gun/ bullet injuries?

Admissions for gun or bullet injuries

	Total Number	Youngest age	Oldest age
2016	7	14	49
2017	8	12	67
2018	3	11	51

Please provide figures for each year of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please also provide the age of the youngest and the oldest person treated for the injuries in each question.

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
Darlington
DL3 6HX

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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Freedom of Information Officer