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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 6 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 smoking cessation. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please note that the timeframes referenced below cover the calendar year (Jan-Dec). However, if your data covers the financial year (Apr-Mar) please let us know when providing the data.

Q1. How many children have been given smoking cessation treatments by your Trust over the last three years?

	2016	2017	2018
Those aged under 12			
Aged 12			
Aged 13			
Aged 14			
Aged 15			
Aged 16			
Aged 17			
Aged 18			

Q2. Please provide a breakdown of the number of different types of cessation aids prescribed to children over the last three years:

	2016	2017	2018
Nicotine replacement therapy			
Varenicline (Champix)			
Bupropion (Zyban)			
E-cigarettes			
Other (please specify)			

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The smoking cessations services that the Trust are supported by are not employed by the Trust they are Solutions 4health.

Please note, the figures in the first table include patients who are 18 years old whereas the information in second table is for children only and does not include 18 year olds. This reduces the difference in the total figures between the first and second table. It should also be noted that not all patients are prescribed treatment. Treatment is provided on a voucher system and there are some patients who do not wish to receive treatment and also some patients who are not ready to receive treatment (they are not ready to give up smoking).

Q1. How many children have been given smoking cessation treatments by your Trust over the last three years?

	2016	2017	2018
Those aged under 12	1	1	0
Aged 12	0	3	9
Aged 13	8	11	17
Aged 14	11	15	19
Aged 15	31	27	30
Aged 16	32	35	20
Aged 17	45	43	46
Aged 18	102	88	52

Q2. Please provide a breakdown of the number of different types of cessation aids prescribed to children over the last three years:

	2016	2017	2018
Nicotine replacement therapy	120	127	129
Varenicline (Champix)	1	0	1
Bupropion (Zyban)	0	0	0
E-cigarettes	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0

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
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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