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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 27 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 catheters. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***Under the Freedom of Information Act, I was hoping you could answer the following questions.***

***1. How many patients have received an indwelling catheter in each of the following calendar years:***

Answer: The Trust only code urinary catheters if they were inserted because the patient had gone in to retention (diagnosis code R33.X), so would not be recorded on all patients who have one inserted.

- 2018 - 717
- 2017 - 726
- 2016 - 704

As a Trust we carry out point prevalence audits on an annual basis these results are tabled below:

	Urinary Catheter prevalence Acute sites	Urinary Catheter prevalence Community Teams	CAUTI prevalence
2016	17.5%	7%	2.7%
2017	16%	12%	2.4%
2018	18%	10%	6.24%

**2. How many patients have suffered a Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2018 - 72
- 2017 - 80
- 2016 - 80

**3. How many patients have suffered a Urinary Tract Infection in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2018 - 4127
- 2017 - 4419
- 2016 - 4313

**4. The total cost of Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2018 - £120,686.71
- 2017 - £92,192.31
- 2016 – Unable to provide the cost down to procedure level (before we had PLICS )

**5. The total number of prescriptions dispensed in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2018
- 2017
- 2016

Answer: The Trust is unable to identify patients with this indication on the systems

**6. Total number of patients receiving antibiotics in relation to Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2018
- 2017
- 2016

Answer: The Trust is unable to identify patients with this indication on the systems

**7. Number of patients receiving two or more antibiotics in relation to a single Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections in each of the following calendar years:**

- 2018

- 2017
- 2016

Answer: The Trust is unable to identify patients with this indication on the systems

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer