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

Thank you for your request for information received on 14 May 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 neck of femur fracture and anticoagulants. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***We are seeking to determine, on a national level, what NHS Trust protocols advise for the management of patients who are taking NOACs (Novel Oral Anticoagulants; e.g. apixaban, rivaroxiban, dabigatran) who sustain a neck of femur fracture which requires surgical fixation.***

- 1. Do you treat patients with neck of femur fractures in your Trust? If yes please complete the questions below:***

Answer: Yes.

- 2. Does your Trust have a protocol for management of patients who sustain neck of femur (NOF) fractures and are taking a Novel Oral Anticoagulant (NOAC)?***

Answer: Yes.

- 3. May we have a copy of your Trust's protocol?***

Answer: The Trust Guidelines are:

**Hip Fractures and Oral Anticoagulant Guidelines**  
Clopidogrel - Proceed as per non-anticoagulated.

Warfarin - Follow "Warfarin reversal"

Rivaroxaban/Apixaban - Proceed to surgery 24 hours after last dose. General anaesthesia only. Spinal after 48 hours.

Dabigatran - Renal function is important in this group:

Normal kidney function or CKD Stage 1 & 2 (GFR > 60) - Proceed to surgery 24 hours after last dose. General anaesthesia only. Spinal after 48 hours.

CKD Stage 3 - 5 (GFR < 59) - Delay for at least 36 hours. Check Thrombin time and proceed to GA if normal.

**4. How many hours does your trust advise should be the time interval between last dose of NOAC and surgical fixation of neck of femur fracture?**

Answer: This would depend on what they are taking, renal function and whether or not they require a spinal anaesthetic.

**5. How many patients with neck of femur fractures does your Trust treat per year?**

Answer: Over 700.

**6. How many of the patients who have been treated in the last year for neck of femur fracture were taking a NOAC?**

Answer: This information is not recorded.

**7. What was the average time interval between admission to hospital and time to surgery for patients who were taking NOAC who sustained a neck of femur fracture?**

Answer: This information is not recorded

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  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
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Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**