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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 July 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 pessaries. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. *How many new pessaries are inserted in your Trust/ CCG/ Practice in the last year*

Answer: 2018-19 there were 5 inserted as Inpatients and 1381 as an outpatient.

2. *How many pessaries are changed in your Trust/ CCG/ Practice in the last year?*

Answer: 2018-19 there were 5 Removals as Inpatients and 128 as an outpatient.

3. *What are the training requirements for a pessary practitioner in your Trust/ CCG/Practice?*

Please share any related competency or training documents

Answer: All clinician, medical & nursing are trained to insert and remove pessaries and then undergo a period of observed practice until confirmed competent.

4. *Who provides pessary care in your Trust/ CCG/ Practice?*

Answer: Consultant Urogynaecologists, Associate Specialist (Urogynae), Consultant Gynaecologists & Urogynae Nurse Practitioner.



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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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer