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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 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 carbon monoxide poisoning. Specifically you requested information as follows:

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

Please find attached in the excel document the specific questions that we are requesting information for. Under the Act the seven questions we are looking to find statistics for are the following:

- 1. How many cases have attended A&E with suspected carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2018-30th June 2019?***
- 2. How many cases have been treated in A&E with suspected carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2018-30th June 2019?***
- 3. How many confirmed deaths have there been as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2014-30th June 2015?***
- 4. How many confirmed deaths have there been as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2015-30th June 2016?***
- 5. How many confirmed deaths have there been as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2016-30th June 2017?***
- 6. How many confirmed deaths have there been as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2017-30th June 2018?***

7. How many confirmed deaths have there been as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning between 1st July 2018-30th June 2019?

Please provide the information within the tables on the attached spreadsheet and within the age ranges specified.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Please find attached the figures for Q1 & 2.

Please note: Q1 figures are the A&E attendances with a diagnosis of inhalation of toxic gas/vapour/smoke. These include carbon monoxide but not exclusively and are unable to split these out.

Q2 figures are the A&E attendance in the category above which also has a treatment code against the attendance.

Q3-7 the Trust is unable to provide the number of deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning, which would need to come from the death certificate. The Coroner's Office should be the point of contact. If you wish to contact the Coroner's Office in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact the email address of the Coroner's Office: Co-office@durham.gov.uk

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:



County Durham
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NHS Foundation Trust

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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer