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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 7 August 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 surgical equipment. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1) How many NovaSure for endometrial ablation procedures, has the Trust purchased in the last 12 months?

Answer: 49.

2) How many Lonestar disposable surgical retractors has the trust purchased in the last 12 months?

Answer: 49.

3) Are your surgeons using adhesion prevention products (eg: Hyalobarrier gel, Hyacorp endo gel, Materegen gel) for laparoscopic procedures? If so, how many have been purchased in the last 12 months?

Answer: Quantity of 14 Hyalobarrier gel has been purchased for laparoscopic usage only and not for any uterine procedures.

4) Are your surgeons using adhesion prevention products (eg: Hyalobarrier gel, Hyacorp endo gel, Materegen gel) for intra-uterine procedures? If so, how many have been purchased in the last 12 months?

Answer: As above

5) How many Capiro suture capturing devices were purchased in the last 12 months?

Answer: The Trust does not use this product.

6) How many operating theatres do you have in the Trust which are used for laparoscopy? Do they use bottled CO2?

Answer: The Trust performs laparoscopic procedures in any theatre at University Hospital of North Durham using bottled CO2. There are two designated laparoscopic theatres in the Trust at Darlington Memorial Hospital, they use piped CO2.

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
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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