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Email only

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 13 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 vaginal mesh surgeries. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***I am writing to request information related to vaginal mesh surgery statistics held by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust under the above-mentioned Act.***

- 1. The number of surgeries performed using vaginal mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse or urinary incontinence for the last available fiscal year and previous years (up to 10 years in the past)?***
- 2. The total number of pelvic organ prolapse surgeries that were performed on women and men (separate statistics) between 1 April 2018 and 1 April 2019?***
- 3. The total number of patients who were recommended pelvic floor muscle training as treatment for their pelvic organ prolapse between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019?***

***In terms of pelvic organs, I refer to the pelvic organs such as the bladder, uterus, vagina, bowel, and rectum.***

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

	Q1 Vaginal mesh for pelvic organ prolapse	Q2a Other pelvic organ prolapse surgery Female	Q2a Other pelvic organ prolapse surgery Male
2018/19	0	189	28
2017/18	0		
2016/17	0		
2015/16	0		
2014/15	0		
2013/14	2		
2012/13	8		
2011/12	5		
2010/11	17		
2009/10	3		

Q3: The Trust is unable to provide the information requested as it would take a number of days to just to identify all the relevant sets of notes required to be manually examined needed. We are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen and a quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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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County Durham  
and Darlington  
NHS Foundation Trust

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**