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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 September 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 blood patches. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I write to request information on the number of blood patch procedures carried out in the Trust in each of the past ten years.

I also request a breakdown of:

a) The condition which the blood patch was intended to treat

b) The title of the doctor or doctors who carried out the procedure, for example, anaesthetist, neurologist, neurosurgeon.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

These procedures are carried out by Anaesthetists only and are completed for post dural puncture headache. The Trust is unable to provide numbers as there is no central collection of this data.



County Durham
and Darlington

NHS Foundation Trust

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
Darlington
DL3 6HX

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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer