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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 4th November 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 amputation operations. Specifically you requested information as follows:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act of 2000. My request relates to problems that have occurred during amputation operations at hospitals under your jurisdiction.

I would like to request the following information:

- 1. A list of every amputation operation at your hospital over the past ten years?***

Answer: Please see attached

- 2. The amount of cases of the above that have resulted in claims of medical negligence?***

Answer: Since October 2011 we have received 36 claims. Because 4 of these were when the system was new and not being fully utilised it is impossible for us to say whether these developed into claims or were just requests for records “in contemplation of litigation”. 21 of the claims were definitely just requests for records and were not litigated. 6 claims developed into Letters of Claim and in 5 of the claims proceedings were issued.

3. *The amount of cases of the above that have resulted in your informing your insurers of a possible claim for medical negligence?*

Answer: As above the cases that would have been referred to NHS Resolution our indemnifier were the Letters of Claim and the proceedings.

The NHS Resolution (formerly NHSLA) will need to provide the details with regard to total costs. If you wish to contact the NHS Resolution in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact the Head of non-clinical claims via the following email address: steven.chahla@resolution.nhs.uk. Tel: 020 7811 2704.

4. *The details of each incident?*

Answer: Please see attached

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



County Durham
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NHS Foundation Trust

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