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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 5 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 tourniquets. Specifically you requested information as follows:

*I would like to ask the following...*

- a) *How many incidents have been recorded where tourniquets have been left on patients?*

**Answer:** Reported Date From: 01/04/2014 to 05/11/2019

Financial Year	Tourniquet left in situ
2014/15	5
2015/16	6
2016/17	6
2017/18	9
2018/19	8
2019/20 (as of 05/11/2019)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

### Extract Criteria

Details of Incident: \*TOURNIQUET\* (search word)  
Manual extraction of this output to identify incidents which refer to the tourniquet left in situ.

Caveat

As there is no specific cause group for reporting incidents of tourniquets left on patients they may appear under many different cause groups. Therefore the data has been extracted using a search for the word tourniquet within the details of the incident.

***b) Of those incidents how many have resulted in litigation and what was the value of the litigation?***

Answer: None of the incidents have resulted in litigation.

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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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  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).



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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**