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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 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 Occupational Health (OH) referrals. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- ***How many OH referrals were made internally from Community nursing for nurses inside NHS organisations for back injuries due to lifting patient limbs when applying treatment in the home? Information from the last five years would be ideal if possible?***

Answer: Within the last 5 years OH records have three referrals that state back injury specific to lifting patient limbs. However OH may have received other referrals in that time that may fall into this category but OH records would not show due to no specific information being provided about the referral.

- ***If any, what equipment do you use to assist lifting of patient limb in the patient home?***

Answer: Equipment available for limb supporting & lifting within a patient's home environment can include:

Leg Raiser, Norwich kneeling stool & adjustable Cambridge limb support with disposable covers, Or a sling support compatible with hoist attachment.



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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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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