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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 December 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 advice given by the Trust to tonsillectomy patients. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. Does your Trust/ hospital(s) offer Tonsillectomy Surgery which is undertaken in the Trust?

Answer: Yes.

If the answer no, the FOI request ends here. Please just notify me that your Trust/ hospital(s) does not undertake this surgery? If yes,

2a Do surgeons in your Trust/ hospital(s) perform tonsillectomy surgery on children (under 16 years of age)?

Answer: Yes.

2b If the answer to 2a is 'yes', do they provide patients/ parents of patients in this age group with an information sheet relating to their operation?

Answer: Please see attached.

2c *If the answer to 2b is 'yes' please, as well as completing these question, also send me a copy of the information sheet that is provided, even if it is only sometimes given to patients/parents?*

Answer: Please see attached.

3a *Do surgeons in your Trust/ hospital(s) perform tonsillectomy surgery on young adults and adults (16 years and over)?*

Answer: Yes.

3b *If the answer to 3a is 'yes', do they provide patients in this age group with an information sheet relating to their operation?*

Answer: Please see attached.

3c *If the answer to 3b is 'yes' please, as well as completing these question, also send me a copy of the information sheet that is provided, even if it is only sometimes given to patients (unless the same sheet given to both children/parents and to adult patients in which case please make that clear in your answer and just provide that sheet)?*

Answer: Please see attached.

4 *What advice is usually given to a) Children and b) Young Adult/Adult regarding diet immediately after tonsillectomy (i.e. for approximately the first week or so post-surgery)?*

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
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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
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