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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 6th January 2020 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 the foreign objects. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am looking for some information under the Freedom of Information act, please find my request below:

I would like to know the amount of cases in A&E over the last year Jan 01 2019 - Dec 31st 2019, that have involved a person below the age of 10-years-old arriving in A&E at this Trust due to having swallowed a foreign object. I would also like this information for the same request and timeframe for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

I would also like this data in a spreadsheet with cases broken down by date, location, age and gender, if possible. Also, if possible, what the object was that had been swallowed in each case.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Prior to the introduction of the ECDS in October 2017 the coding structure within the ED department did not have a specific code to pick this up. Although we could ascertain foreign body, there was not a sub-code that would identify it had been swallowed.

From October 2017 the ECDS has a diagnosis code in SNOMED that allows us to look for the below:

SNOMED_Code	SNOMED_Description
33334006	Foreign body in digestive tract (disorder)

Acknowledging 2017 is only part year from Oct the split we can provide is as below:

Including patients right up to 9 years or younger the split it as below:

ED Attendances	Year			
Site/Gender/Age	2017	2018	2019	2020
Darlington ED	17	69	57	5
Female	12	28	29	2
1	4	5	4	
2	3	4	7	
3	1	9	4	1
4	1	2	5	1
5	1	4	6	
6		1	2	
7			1	
8	1	2		
9	1	1		
Male	5	41	28	3
1	1	8	4	1
2		4	7	
3	2	11	1	
4	1	7	5	
5		6	1	1
6		2	5	1
7	1	1	1	
9		2	4	
Durham ED	19	68	65	3
Female	7	25	34	1
1		6	7	
2	1	7	3	
3	2	2	4	
4		4	6	1
5	1	4	6	
6	2	1	1	
7	1		2	
8		1	2	
9			3	

Male	12	43	31	2
1	1	3	5	1
2	3	9	6	
3	3	5	7	
4	1	8	4	
5	2	9	1	
6		2	2	1
7		5	2	
8	1	1	1	
9	1	1	3	
Grand Total	36	137	122	8

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
 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