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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 1st September 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to cannulas and catheters and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please could you provide all recorded figures for the following questions?

- 1. What were the recorded reasons for the removal of IV peripheral cannulas within your hospital Trust within the last 10 years? Please provide annual numbers for each reason for removal.**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. To be able to provide a response every record of every patient who has had contact with the Trust in the past 10 years would need to be reviewed to determine if they have had an IV peripheral cannula and why it was removed. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

- 2. What is the annual number of catheter related bloodstream infections within your hospital Trust within the last 10 years, peripheral cannula's and the number of related infections recorded?**
- 3. What are the annual recorded incidents of phlebitis within your hospital Trust in the last 10 years?**

Please see the table below which provides the information for questions 2 and 3.

Financial Year	catheter related bloodstream infections	phlebitis diagnosis
2010/11	237	762
2011/12	253	560
2012/13	241	597
2013/14	295	642
2014/15	383	694
2015/16	357	644
2016/17	282	724
2017/18	290	679
2018/19	381	631
2019/20	435	688

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. I am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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 Freedom of Information Officer