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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21 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 endoscopists and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 in your Trust, in relation to gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures only and not respiratory procedures:**

**1. How many endoscopists were employed?**

33.

**2. How many endoscopists were colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists or nurse endoscopists? Please include any details of any other groups of endoscopists that we have not mentioned above?**

Colorectal:	13
Gastroenterologists:	9
Nurse Endoscopists:	7
Upper GI:	4

**3. For each group of endoscopist listed above (i.e. colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists, nurse endoscopists, etc) :**

**a. How many endoscopy lists were performed in total by each group in the 12 month period?**

Colorectal Surgeons: 438  
Gastroenterologist: 1230  
Nurse Endoscopists: 687  
Upper GI: 51

**b. What procedures (i.e. oesophagogastroduodenoscopy (OGD), colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy etc.) and how many procedures were performed by each group in the 12 month period?**

	Colonoscopy	Gastroscopy	Sigmoidoscopy
Colorectal Surgeons	1325	245	751
Gastroenterologist	2472	1919	3635
Nurse Endoscopists	2504	3616	1225
Upper GI		332	

**4. How many endoscopy procedures were performed in theatres and what were these procedures?**

Bronchoscopy: 3  
Colonoscopy: 6  
Cystoscopy: 238  
Gastroscopy: 22  
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy: 18

**5. How many endoscopy procedures were performed in the radiology department, what were these procedures and who performed them (i.e. colorectal surgeons, gastroenterologists etc.)?**

273.

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. 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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
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