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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 25 March 2021 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 latex and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. The number of latex allergy incidents recorded in the Trust for Patients and Healthcare Workers within the last 5 years?

2016-2017: 1
2017-2018: 0
2018-2019: 0
2019-2020: 0
2020-2021: 1

2. Were these incidents all recorded on Datix?

The two incidents were reported on the Trust's Incident Management System Ulysses.

3. Type of medical device that caused a latex reaction.

The incident during 2016-2017 was caused by a catheter.
The incident during 2020-2021 was caused by a surgical mask.

4. Most recent Latex Allergy Policy.

The most recent policy was approved in October 2019. It is currently under review with substantive changes expected from the working party. If you wish to contact us again for a copy of the revised Latex Policy it should be available from the end of June 2021.

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.

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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