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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 15 April 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 pressure ulcers and hysteroscopy and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

### **1. How many pressure ulcers were reported as originated from operating theatres between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021?**

The Trust has examined the data for the period June 2018 - 15th April 2021 in which time there were no pressure ulcer incidents reported from operating theatres. Data prior to June was combined with wider Trust data and would take a substantial amount of time to extrapolate. 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 was the cost of treating said pressure ulcers to the Trust overall?**

Zero.

### **3. How many patient slips/ falls from the operating theatre table were recorded if any from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021?**

While the Trust does record Slips/Trips/Falls on the internal incident reporting system, the specific falls you have requested are not specifically coded. This means that in order to provide a response to your question a member of staff would need to review the incidents recorded in your time period under slip/trips/falls to determine if they relate to slips or falls from the operating theatre table. This would take a

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**4. How many patients have received a hysteroscopy procedure between January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021?**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and 31 March 2021 there were 1,291 procedures. Please note, the Trust is unable to provide more up to date information going up to and including 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as the reporting system has a delay. The figures up to the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 will not be available until the end of May 2021.

**5. How many patients are on the waiting list for an outpatient hysteroscopy?**

A Hysteroscopy is performed as part of investigations so patients are not on a specific list for hysteroscopy. There were 936 outpatient hysteroscopies performed during the period identified. These patients would be allocated an appointment in the most appropriate clinic.

**6. How many patients are on the waiting list for Hysteroscopy under general anaesthetic?**

There are 52 patients (snapshot date: 18/04/21). Please note, as these figures change daily the Trust can only provide a snapshot.

**7. How many patients are on the waiting list for hysteroscopy over all?**

There are 66 patients currently on inpatient waiting list (snapshot date: 18/04/21). Please note, as these figures change daily the Trust can only provide a snapshot.

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

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