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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 29 June 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 Never Events and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Please may you provide me with the number of 'never events' which have occurred over the past three years across the Trust? (Please break this down by year and speciality department)?

Reporting Year	Number of Never Events	Specialty department
2018/19	4	Podiatry Services x 1 Theatres x 1 Medical (Respiratory) ward x 1 Elderly care ward x 1
2019/20	3	Emergency Department (linked with ambulance service) x 1 Theatres x 1 Endoscopy x 1
2020/21	2	Theatres

2. Details for each of the 'never events' i.e. what happened? Were there any contributing factors?

Year	Never Event details	Contributory factors
2018 - 2019	Wrong Site Surgery – Podiatry Services (wrong side of toenail removed)	Details of the factors are set out on pages 133 and 134 of the Trust Quality Accounts portion of the Annual report for 2018-2019 and can be found on the Trust website here: https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/media/707527/a4_cddft%20annual%20report%20apr18-mar19_17june19.pdf
	Wrong Site Surgery – Theatres (wrong ureteric stent)	
	Transfusion of ABO-incompatible blood components – Medical (Respiratory) ward	
	Overdose of insulin due to incorrect device – Elderly care ward	
2019 - 2020	Unintentional connection of a patient requiring oxygen to an air flowmeter – Emergency Department (linked with ambulance service)	Details of the factors are set out on pages 29 and 30 of the Trust Quality Accounts for 2019-2020 and can be found on the Trust website here: https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/media/819601/quality%20accounts%202019_20%20final.pdf
	Wrong implant/prosthesis – Theatres	
	Mis-selection of high strength midazolam during conscious sedation – Endoscopy	
2020 - 2021	Wrong implant/prosthesis – Theatres	Details of the factors are set out on pages 67 and 68 of the Trust Quality Accounts for 2020-2021 and can be found on the Trust website here: https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/media/837597/quality%20accounts%2020-21%20for%20submission.pdf
	Retained foreign object post procedure – Theatres	

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

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator