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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 April 2022 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 Lumbar Discectomies and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. The total number of Primary Lumbar discectomies performed in patients 18 years or older for the years 2015-2021 (running from January 1st 2015 to Jan 1st 2022). Please list this by month performed.**
- 2. Please indicate how many of the procedures in each month were elective/planned operations and how many Unplanned/emergency operations?**
- 3. For the above procedures, please provide details of the gender split of the groups in to Male and female numbers.**
- 4. For the groups of operation (Elective and Emergency, Male and Female) what was the average patient age?**
- 5. For each group, elective/emergency, male and female, what was the average length of hospital stay in days?**
- 6. For each group, please indicate how many were returned to theatre for repeat lumbar spine operation during the first 30 post-operative days. Please indicate the reason in the categories: Repeat discectomy, Wound wash out, Repair of Dural injury.**
- 7. For each group how many underwent repeat discectomy in the first year following their first operation.**

The Trust does not perform spinal surgery. Patients are seen at either James Cook University Hospital or Newcastle. For further information please contact either South Tees NHS Foundation Trust or The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following postal addresses:

South Tees NHS Foundation Trust:
Murray Building
The James Cook University Hospital
Marton Road
Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Freeman Road
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE7 7DW

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