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Email only

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Dear

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14<sup>th</sup> June 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 X-ray reporting and nasogastric tubes and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Can you please confirm with the RIS/PACS team if the Trust have implemented the recommendations set out by the NPSA and reinforced in the HSIB report for X Ray reporting?**

Yes	
No	X

- 2. Can you please confirm the number of “Plain Film Chest X-Ray” requests (XCHES) where a nasogastric tube / NG tube was specified as free text in the clinical indication field or requested as “XR Nasogastric tube position” (XNASG) for the period from April 1st 2021 to March 31st 2022?**

Number of cases reported	
XCHES + free text	
XNASG	
Other	
<b>Total</b>	669

3. Based on the response to Q2 can you please confirm if the reason for the request was captured: confirmation of 1<sup>st</sup> placement, suspected dislodgment / displacement of established nasogastric tube or simply not reported in the clinical indication field?

(This may include the SNoMED codes: Migration Of Nasogastric Tube (Disorder) 473160008)

	1 <sup>st</sup> Placement	Dislodgement/ Displacement	Not reported
<b>Number Reported</b>			

4. Based on your response to Q3 can you please confirm if the site of the nasogastric tube was reported and the overall number with specific attention to the lung or oesophagus or in the stomach and safe to feed?

	1 <sup>st</sup> Placement			
	Safe to feed – Tube in stomach	Do not feed – Tube in lung	Do not feed – Tube in oesophagus	Not reported
<b>Number reported</b>				

	Dislodgement/Displacement			
	Safe to feed – Tube in stomach	Do not feed – Tube in lung	Do not feed – Tube in oesophagus	Not reported
<b>Number reported</b>				

	Not stated			
	Safe to feed – Tube in stomach	Do not feed – Tube in lung	Do not feed – Tube in oesophagus	Not reported
<b>Number reported</b>				

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require in-depth manual review of 669 patient records to establish the referral reason and to confirm if the NG tube was positioned correctly. 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.

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

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**