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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Please can you provide data on the number of physician associates (PAs) currently working in your hospitals that are permitted to perform each of the below procedures. Please can you provide the data in an Excel spreadsheet, in a table with the procedure in one column and the number of PAs qualified to perform the procedure in a second column.

- Arterial line insertion
- Central line insertion
- Chest drain
- Intubation
- OesophagoGastroDuodenoscopy (OGD)
- Nerve blocks
- Pleural tap
- Surgical first assisting
- Ring blocks
- Iliofemoral block
- Nasogastric (NG) tube placement
- Ascitic drain
- Ascitic tap
- Joint aspiration
- Lumbar puncture
- Pleural aspiration

If you believe this exceeds the cost limit, please confine the search to the first half of the list. I.e., from arterial line insertion to Surgical first assisting, inclusive.

Response

Please find attached Excel Spreadsheet.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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www.ico.org.uk

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

| Procedure | Number of PAs Qualified to Perform |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Arterial line insertion | 1 |
| Central line insertion | 0 |
| Chest drain | 0 |
| Intubation | 0 |
| OesophagoGastroDuodenoscopy (OGD) | 1 under supervision |
| Nerve blocks | 0 |
| Pleural tap | 1 |
| Surgical first assisting | 3 |
| Ring blocks | 0 |
| Iliofemoral block | 0 |
| Nasogastric (NG) tube placement | 2 |
| Ascitic drain | 7 |
| Ascitic tap | 11 |
| Joint aspiration | 3 |
| Lumbar puncture | 8 |
| Pleural aspiration | 1 |