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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 16th January 2023 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 Breast milk given to a child from another new mother and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please provide the number of cases where breast milk of a new mother was given to a child who is not her own at all maternity wards in your Trust.

For clarity, I am asking you to please provide the number of instances where a child on a maternity ward was given breast milk from a person who was not their mother.

Please provide annual figures for how many times this happened at your Trust for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023.

Please also give the number of times disciplinary action was taken on a member of staff over these instances.

Please provide a breakdown of the outcome of any disciplinary action: How many were cautioned, suspended, terminated etc as a direct result of the mistake.

2017	– 0
2018	– less than 3
2019	– 0
2020	– 0
2021	– 0
2022	– 0
2023 to date	– 0

No disciplinary action was taken but there was learning identified and actions taken.

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