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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 21<sup>st</sup> February 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 Patient Falls and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**For each financial year from 2010/11 to 2022/23, please can you provide the total number of inpatient falls recorded at hospital, the total number of those falls resulting in injury to the patient, the total number of those falls resulting in death of the patient.**

**Please can you provide this information in spreadsheet format as an Excel file, broken down by each year, as above, with the data on the inpatient falls provided for each year, as above?**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that while the data provided for the number of falls resulting in the death of the patient is accurate, the Trust is unable to state that the data pertaining to the number of falls resulting in injury is fully accurate. This is due to a number of factors throughout your time period:

- A change in the incident system used.
- The merge of Community Service with the Acute Trust.

- The Cause group used to capture whether the incident was a fall, changed and we cannot guarantee all the cause groups previously used have been selected when extracting the data.
- To determine whether the incident was an inpatient fall, we have selected the inpatient departments. However, these have changed over the 13 year time period and what is now an inpatient area may not have always been so and vice versa.

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**