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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 27th April 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 Post-mortem examinations and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

For the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:

- 1. How many post-mortem examinations were performed?**
- 2. What was the average number of days between the time of death and the release of the body after a post-mortem examination?**
- 3. How many pathologists worked in the trust (in WTE)?**

Year	Number of PM's	Average Release	PM Pathologists
2019	612	5.7	4
2020	505	12.1	3
2021	558	12.9	3
2022	563	14.8	3

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