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Email only

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 11<sup>th</sup> July 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 Longest A&E wait prior to Admission and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, what was the longest wait for a patient between decision to admit and admission in A&E, in your trust, in each of the last 5 financial years.**

Please note that whilst patients can remain in the Emergency Department for any length of time, they are monitored and cared for throughout their stay, with treatment plans adjusted as clinically needed.

Financial Year	Longest Waiting Time
2018/19	720 minutes
2019/20	1174 minutes
2020/21	1030 minutes
2021/22	1541 minutes
2022/23	1865 minutes

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**