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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 29th June 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 Number of People Admitted with Eating Disorders and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

FOI REQUEST:

The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.

- **The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

Please see tab 1 of the attached spreadsheet.

- **The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital where obesity was the cause or a significantly contributing factor between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available. the condition diagnosed and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

The Trust cannot state that obesity was a factor as to why the patient was admitted, all the Trust can provide is the obesity diagnosis code.

Please see tab 2 of the attached spreadsheet.

- **The number of patients who have undergone weight loss surgery at your Trust's hospital between January 2013 and July 2023 broken down by type of surgery (eg bariatric).**

Please see tab 3 of the attached spreadsheet.

- **The number of patients who have been referred to a specialist weight management service at your hospital if applicable, between January 2013 and July 2023.**

The Trust does not have the data for 2013

Please see tab 4 for the attached spreadsheet.

- **The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available.**

The Trust does not have the data for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016

Please see tab 5 of the attached spreadsheet.

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

- **Broken down by month, age and sex where possible.**

Please note that due to the information requested being at patient level, regards the month the patient was in hospital and the aged of the patient the Trust has withheld this information, as it believes that to disclose this information would breach one of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act 2018 (which supplements the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into effect in May 2018) in that it would render it possible to identify the individuals. We do not believe that it would be fair to the individuals for their identities to be made public. We therefore believe that the exemption contained within section 40 of the Act is engaged.

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