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Email only

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

Dear

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 9<sup>th</sup> August 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 Drug Overdoses and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Could you please provide me with the following information relating to the drug overdose admissions in your hospital for year 2022 and from January to July 2023.**

**1. The name of your Trust?**

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

**2. How many admissions related to drug overdose for year 2022 and from January to July 2023?**

2022 – 1330  
2023 – 286 (up to June 2023)

**3. What are the most common drug overdose cases admitted in your hospital?**

The Trust codes this information according to ICD10 codes and the three most common for both years are:

- Aminophenol derivatives
- Other and unspecified antidepressants
- Other Opioids

**4. How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level?**

2022 – 1330

2023 – 286 (up to June 2023)

**5. How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit for advanced medical intervention such as mechanical ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy?**

2022 – 52

2023 – 13

**6. What is the average length of stay for those patients admitted for drug overdose in your ITU?**

2022 – 3.1 days

2023 – 3.9 days

**7. What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital?**

2022 – 9

2023 – 4

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**