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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 25th 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 Non-Disclosure Settlements and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. For each of the two financial years 21-22 and 22-23 how many investigations /reviews did your trust conduct into allegations of failings among individual members of your medical staff?**

2021-2022	≤3
2022-2023	≤3

- 2. For each of these investigations / reviews please state how much in total was spent engaging external private companies to assist in evidence gathering over allegations of failing among individual members of your medical staff? For clarity this excludes any input from public bodies such as the CQC or Royal Colleges or HSIB.**
- 3. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 how many, if any, non-disclosure agreements were signed by members of your medical staff?**
- 4. Of those NDA's signed, how many were agreed as part of a financial settlement?**
- 5. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2-22-23 what was the total sum the trust paid to staff in financial settlements which included NDA's?**

The Trust does not hold the most accurate information regarding Non-Disclosure settlement claims made against the Trust. The Trust's indemnifier, NHS Resolution, negotiate and agree settlements on our behalf. Therefore in order to get the most accurate data we would advise you to contact NHS Resolution directly. If you wish to contact NHS Resolution in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following link: <https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

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 am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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