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Email only

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 8<sup>th</sup> September 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 Informed Consent for Doctors and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### **FOI REQUEST:**

**Please can you disclose any policies and/or guidance and/or any other documentation you hold relating to training in informed consent for doctors working at your hospital. In particular, we are interested in any policies/guidance/documentation which address the following:**

- 1. Whether training in informed consent is mandatory for doctors working within your hospital.**

Yes

- 2. Who provides/funds training in informed consent for doctors working at your hospital.**

The Trust provides an on-line training module

**3. What a doctor must do to fulfil any training requirements relating to informed consent**

Doctors in training must undertake this as part of their curricular. From a senior medic perspective this is ongoing in line with medical appraisal and revalidation, to be up to date and fit to practice, which is incorporated into speciality specific CPD. Changes in legislation are communicated to doctors by the Medical Director. The Trust also runs Duties of a Doctor, facilitated by the GMC, which is now mandatory for all new Consultants into the organisation – this includes a session on consent. Period updates are provided in line with the educational offer for medical staff. Any medical staff participating in research must undertake Good Clinical Practice Training, which includes informed consent.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Trust's current Consent Policy, please note that the Trust consent policy is under review, expected to be completed and approved in October.

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**