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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 18<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 Patient Safety Incidents and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### FOI REQUEST:

**Can I request the number of patient safety incidents that resulted in a severe or death degree of harm to the patients (as defined by NHS England [here](#)) and what month and year they took place from 2010 to present please.**

**Can I also have these as two separate figures - one for severe and one for death - and a figure of how many deaths there were in total as an incident can refer to more than one death.**

Please note that the Trusts keeps this data for 10 years.

| Month and Year | 4 - Severe (Permanent Or Long Term Harm) | 5 - Death (Caused By The Incident) | Total Number of Deaths |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>208</b>                               | <b>78</b>                          | <b>78</b>              |
| Apr-13         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| May-13         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |

| Month and Year | 4 - Severe (Permanent Or Long Term Harm) | 5 - Death (Caused By The Incident) | Total Number of Deaths |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Jun-13         | 3  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jul-13         | 2  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Aug-13         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Sep-13         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Oct-13         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Nov-13         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Dec-13         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jan-14         | 1  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Feb-14         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Mar-14         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Apr-14         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| May-14         | 1  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Aug-14         | 1  | 3                                  | 3                      |
| Oct-14         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Nov-14         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jan-15         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Feb-15         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Mar-15         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Apr-15         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| May-15         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jun-15         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jul-15         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Aug-15         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Sep-15         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Oct-15         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Nov-15         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Dec-15         | 6  | 5                                  | 5                      |
| Jan-16         | 5  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Feb-16         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Mar-16         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Apr-16         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| May-16         | 4  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jun-16         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jul-16         | 1  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Aug-16         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Sep-16         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Oct-16         | 2  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Nov-16         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Dec-16         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Jan-17         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Feb-17         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Mar-17         | 2  |                                    |                        |

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|----------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Apr-17         | 6  |                                    |                        |
| May-17         | 4  |                                    |                        |
| Jun-17         | 5  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jul-17         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Aug-17         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Sep-17         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Oct-17         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Nov-17         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Dec-17         | 4  |                                    |                        |
| Jan-18         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Feb-18         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Apr-18         | 1  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| May-18         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Jun-18         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Jul-18         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Aug-18         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Oct-18         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Dec-18         | 4  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Jan-19         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Feb-19         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Mar-19         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Apr-19         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jun-19         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Jul-19         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Aug-19         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Sep-19         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Oct-19         | 4  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Nov-19         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Dec-19         | 3  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jan-20         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Feb-20         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| May-20         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Jun-20         | 4  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jul-20         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Aug-20         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Sep-20         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Oct-20         | 3  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Nov-20         | 2  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Dec-20         | 2  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Jan-21         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Feb-21         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Apr-21         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |

| Month and Year | 4 - Severe (Permanent Or Long Term Harm) | 5 - Death (Caused By The Incident) | Total Number of Deaths |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| May-21         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jun-21         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Sep-21         |  |                                    |                        |
| Oct-21         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Nov-21         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Dec-21         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Jan-22         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Feb-22         | 1  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Mar-22         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Apr-22         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| May-22         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Jun-22         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Jul-22         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Aug-22         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Sep-22         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Oct-22         | 6  |                                    |                        |
| Nov-22         | 4  |                                    |                        |
| Dec-22         | 4  |                                    |                        |
| Jan-23         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Feb-23         | 2  |                                    |                        |
| Mar-23         | 1  |                                    |                        |
| Apr-23         | 2  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| May-23         | 4  |                                    |                        |
| Jun-23         |  | 1                                  | 1                      |
| Jul-23         | 3  |                                    |                        |
| Aug-23         | 3  | 2                                  | 2                      |
| Sep-23         | 3  |                                    |                        |

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**