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Email only

26<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 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 Cancelled Cancer Operations and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- How many cancer operations have been cancelled by your NHS Trust in each of the past four financial years: 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20. Please could you provide a breakdown for the reasons these operations were cancelled e.g. lack of staff, lack of beds, or equipment issues, again broken down by the financial years 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.**

Reason	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Grand Total
Non-clinical	1		1	4	6
Staffing availability	4				4
Difficult Prior Procedure	1	2		1	4
Further Investigations Rqd	1	3	3	1	8
ITU/HDU Bed Unavailable	1	1	3		5
List Over Run	6	4	1	1	12
Previous list overran		1			1
Theatre availability		1	1	3	5

Reason	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Grand Total
Trauma Escalation	1		1		2
Urgent Case Priority			2		2
Ward Beds Unavailable	3				3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>

Please note that the Trust works to reschedule operations as quickly and appropriately as possible.

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**