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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 17th 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 Allergies from Drugs and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Question	Answer
Do you currently use an electronic prescribing system?	Yes
If so, who is the supplier and what version of the software do you use?	Cerner Millennium
Have you been on the same electronic prescribing system between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	Yes
How many allergies have been added to patient records in the system for the drug penicillamine between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	19
How many of these penicillamine drug allergies were recorded as anaphylaxis?	The Trust are unable to extract that information from Electronic Patient Record (EPR)

How many allergies have been added to patient records in the system for the drug class penicillins between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	26894
Do you have any mitigations in place to prevent users adding penicillamine drug allergies to patient records in error?	No formal mitigation step in place
Do you report electronic prescribing system incidents to any governing bodies outside of your Trust? (e.g MHRA Yellow Card)	EPR offers users the opportunity to report via Yellow Card at the time they enter the incident.

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.

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