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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 18th 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 Aortic Dissection Deaths and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

The information I have requested is:

- 1. How many people have died in the past 1-5 years in the ED at Durham of an aortic dissection?**

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- 2. How many people have been undiagnosed or misdiagnosed at death?**

The Trust does not hold this data as patients who arrive in the mortuary without a stated or clear cause of death are referred to the Coroners Service and a post mortem is then performed to identify cause of death.

- 3. How many people on 27th July 2022 were priority over a specific patient, or had a life threatening illness as he did?**

The Trust are unable to provide this information but can advise that patients are seen and treated according to their priority in ED be this on their arrival or should

their condition change during their time in the department. Due to this the order in which patients are seen and treated can be fluid as we ensure that patients are seen appropriately.

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