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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 24th 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 Births, Deaths & Red Flags and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Could you provide the following data for your Trust, broken down by each year for the previous five years:- 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021,2022.

- **Total live births**
- **Total stillborns**
- **Term stillborns (from 37 weeks or more)**
- **Total neonatal deaths**

Measure	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Livebirths	4656	4522	4424	4363	4230
Stillbirths	20	17	14	12	16
Term stillbirths (37wks≥)	7	6	5	<5	<5
Neonatal deaths (0-28 days)	<5	5	5	6	5

- **the number of midwifery staffing red flags**

For the years 2018 to 2021 the Trust did not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information

requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine the records. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

The Trust are able to provide the midwifery staffing red flags information for 2022

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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