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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 27th 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 Terminations and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. The number of persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your trust area/jurisdiction, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.**

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Sep)
0	<3	0	<3	<3	0

- 2. The median age in weeks of persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your trust area/jurisdiction, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.**

The averaging has been changed to mean (instead of median) for questions 2&3 as the method would not work for very small numbers

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Sep)
N/A	21+2	N/A	19+4	20+6	N/A

3. The median period of time in minutes for which persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your trust area/jurisdiction survived until death, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.

The averaging has been changed to mean (instead of median) for questions 2&3 as the method would not work for very small numbers

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Sep)
N/A	65	N/A	162	86	N/A

4. A list of the methods used to terminate the lives of persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) (after the failed termination (abortion)) in NHS facilities in your trust area/jurisdiction, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Sep)
N/A	Misoprostol	N/A	Misoprostol	Mifepristone, Misoprostol	N/A

5. A copy of the protocols, policies, guidance and procedures used in NHS facilities in your trust area/jurisdiction with regard to care for persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion), applicable for 2018-2023 inclusive.
6. A copy of the protocols, policies, guidance and procedures for recording and reporting events whereby a person is born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your trust area/jurisdiction, applicable for 2018-2023 inclusive.

Please see Attachments 1 to 4.

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