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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 6th December 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 Patients who have died whilst on a waiting list and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I would like the following information please.

The number of patients who have died while on your NHS waiting list and therefore have been removed from that list due to their death or status as being deceased.

I would like this complete data broken down into the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and the year 2023 to date (December).

If possible, I would also like a breakdown of age for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list please.

I am aware a similar request was submitted some time ago but I am looking for updated data for 2023 and a breakdown of the other years also. I am noting this as I didn't want to be redirected to older, previous data. I am also aware that you cannot provide the reason for death.

Age	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
0-30	0	0	0	≤5	0	≤5
31-40	≤5	≤5	0	≤5	≤5	12
41-50	≤5	≤5	6	8	7	31
51-60	18	19	26	15	33	86
61-70	32	42	57	63	79	183
71-80	68	73	88	92	127	301
81-90	50	39	78	76	106	328
91-100	15	7	10	12	26	59

The Trust had a major electronic patient record system change in October 2022. The result of this is that death notifications are now received automatically and much more timely. Prior to this death notifications would often not be received until after referrals had been cancelled off of the system, which meant that they would very likely not be flagged with a patient deceased code and therefore result in the reportable numbers for periods prior to October 22 being lower than what they should have been.

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