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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 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 SI Reports and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Excluding reports on investigations into self-harming behaviour, disruptive/aggressive behaviour, patient abuse, pressure sores and falls, please provide me with all serious incident reports (SI), never event investigation reports (NE), patient safety incident investigation (PSII) reports, clinical reviews (CR) and/or route cause analysis investigation reports (RCA) completed in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 which meet the following criteria:

Report into an incident which occurred in either your general surgery or paediatrics departments.

AND

Report includes at least one of the following words or phrases:

**physician associate
anaesthesia associate
assistant practitioner
physician assistant**

anaesthetic assistant

PA

AA

You may wish to use optical character recognition to create searchable documents so as to quickly identify if your reports include any of the above words/phrases.

Where the incident led to a patient fatality, I expect you to provide me with a full copy of the original report. Please note that S40 does not apply to the deceased. You may wish to redact some information, including unnecessary patient details (name, gender, former address and contact details etc) and the names of staff involved, but you cannot redact their job titles.

Where the incident was non-fatal, please provide a detailed summary of the incident including department; date reported on incident ref; incident description; lessons learned and recommendations.

None of these words or phrases were used in any of the SI's reported in the previous FOI.

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