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Email only

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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 Personal Data Breaches and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

***As defined by the ICO; A personal data breach means a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data. This includes breaches that are the result of both accidental and deliberate causes. It also means that a breach is more than just about losing personal data. A personal data breach can be broadly defined as a security incident that has affected the confidentiality, integrity or availability of personal data. In short, there will be a personal data breach whenever any personal data is accidentally lost, destroyed, corrupted or disclosed; if someone accesses the data or passes it on without proper authorisation; or if the data is made unavailable and this unavailability has a significant negative effect on individuals.***

Please provide the following details for the time period 1st January 2022- 1st January 2024

1. How many personal data breaches occurred within your organisation?

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**2. How many personal data breaches were reported to the ICO?**

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**3. Of those reported to the ICO, how many were reported within 72 hours of the organisation being aware of the breach?**

Not applicable

**4. What is the main cause of personal data breaches within your organisation? i.e. *Unauthorised Access To Information Systems, Unauthorised Access/Permissions, Unauthorised Or Accidental Access To Data, Unauthorised Or Accidental Alteration Of Data, Unauthorised Or Accidental Disclosure Of Data, Unauthorised Or Accidental Loss Of Data***

Unauthorised Or Accidental Disclosure Of Data

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**