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Email only

10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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 EPRR Exercise dates and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information. This information relates to the NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Framework in general and subsection 10.4, “Cycle of preparedness, Exercising”, in particular. Please note that the information requested are only dates of exercises and a test. I am not requesting any other details of the exercises and test themselves, nor any information that would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime. This information should be readily available to the Trust as part of its EPRR annual assurance process.**

**For clarity I have enumerated the information I am requesting. If you do not hold some of this information then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.**

- 1. The date of the Trust’s own most recent communications systems exercise. I am not requesting the date of any communications systems exercise initiated by another organisation.**

30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**2. The date of the most recent table-top exercise.**

14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**3. The date of the most recent live play exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its plan then this replaces the need to run a live exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent live play exercise, not activation of the plan.**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**4. The date of the most recent command post exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its Incident Coordination Centre then this replaces the need to run command post exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent command post exercise, not activation of the ICC.**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**5. The date of the most recent Incident Coordination Centre equipment test.**

The ICC is used 24/7 and therefore the equipment is under constant test.

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.cddffoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddffoi@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**