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Email only

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 July 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding patients leaving the waiting list. Specifically you asked for:

***I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information.***

***Please can you provide me with the number of patients who have left the Trust's waiting list in each of the last 4 financial years for the following reasons:***

- 1. Number of patients who died while on the waiting list***
- 2. Number of patients who no longer needed treatment (e.g. symptoms improved)***
- 3. Number of patients who have left to seek private treatment***

***Please provide the overall total of patients who left the waiting list, for the following years 2013/14 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18.***

### **County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

Please see the numbers added to the table below – these are all patients removed from the IP WL with a reason other than treatment (RoTT)

<b>FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>Total number of patients who left the waiting list</b>	<b>Number of patients who died while on waiting list</b>	<b>Number of patients who no longer needed treatment (e.g. symptoms improved)</b>	<b>Number of patients leaving list to seek private treatment</b>
<b>2013/14</b>	7232	207	166	0
<b>2014/15</b>	8382	236	143	0
<b>2015/16</b>	8088	209	167	0
<b>2016/17</b>	9931	193	139	0
<b>2017/18</b>	5119	114	132	0

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer