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Email only

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Dear Sir /Madam

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 1<sup>st</sup> August 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 traffic accidents. Specifically you asked for:

***I am compiling a study regarding bin-lorries and road traffic accidents and would really appreciate the following information from your trust/hospital database:***

***1) How many road traffic accidents have presented to the hospitals in your trust that involved a bin-lorry? If possible, I would like those numbers for each of the past five years (from July 2013 through to July 2018), in order for me to chart the trend.***

***2) Of those road traffic accidents that involved a bin-lorry, what were the outcomes for those involved? More specifically: how many resulted in death? And how many resulted in life-changing injury? (I understand degloving can be quite common during RTA's involving bin-lorries; I would hesitate to suggest all degloving should be classified as life-changing, but certainly cases that required major surgical intervention should be filed under this category).***

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

The information requested is not centrally recorded. In order to gather the information requested it would take one member of staff in excess of the statutory timescale.

We are therefore refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with

the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen and a quarter hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information Officer