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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 September 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 self-harm and suicidal intent. Specifically you asked for:

I would like to request under the freedom of information act the following information:

How many Accident and Emergency admissions have been recorded as intentional self-harm (x84) as the chief complaint between August 2017- August 2018?

How many Accident and Emergency admissions have been recorded with suicidal intent (R458) as the chief complaint between August 2017- August 2018?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The codes provided in the request do not match to the SNOMED codes being used within the mandated Emergency Care Dataset (ECDS) in our A&E departments. Also, the chief complaint has only been collected as part of the ECDS since October 2017.

However, the Trust is able to provide the following codes that may be appropriate:

ECDS_Group	ECDS_Description	SNOMED_Code	SNOMED_Description
Psychosocial / Behaviour change	Self-harm	248062006	Self-injurious behavior (finding)
Psychosocial / Behaviour change	Suicidal thoughts	267073005	Suicidal (finding)

For attendances between Oct '17 and Aug '18 the Trust had:

Self-harm = 1,252

Suicidal thoughts = 703

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
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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
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer