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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 17 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 Bounty packs. Specifically you asked:

***Q1) Please provide the name of your Trust?***

Answer: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

***Q2) Do you have a contract with Bounty, whose representatives hand out 'Bounty Packs' to new mothers on maternity wards?***

Answer: Yes.

***Q3) If you answered YES to Question 2, how much money did your Trust receive from Bounty in the financial years;***

- a) 2015/16***
- b) 2016/17***
- c) 2017/18***

Answer: We are unable to provide the information as requested on the grounds that this information is commercially sensitive and has, therefore, been withheld pursuant to Section 43 of the Act.

Section 43 (2) exempts from disclosure the following:

(2) Information, the disclosure of which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person including those of the public authority holding the information.

**Q4) Please explain how the payment from Bounty is calculated (i.e. a pre-agreed figure, or a set payment per child born in your care)?**

Answer: Please see the answer to Q3.

**Q5) How many babies were born in your care during the financial years;**

Answer:

- a) 2015/16: 5371 (5352 livebirths)
- b) 2016/17: 5128 (5112 livebirths)
- c) 2017/18: 4869 (4854 livebirths)

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  
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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

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**