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

Thank you for your request for information received on 29 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 compliment letters. Specifically you asked for:

***We are making a Freedom of Information request about the number of compliments your trust receives, and, how you handle them.***

***Compliment letters are written expressions of gratitude, thanks, and support that are sent to individual members of staff, units, patient experience departments or the CEO.***

### ***FOI Request:***

***1) How many compliments did your Trust receive in 2017?***

Answer: 17,469

***2) Do you have a procedure for handling compliments?***

Answer: Yes

***3) Do you respond to the authors?***

Answer: Yes

***4) Do you pass the compliments onto to the complimentees?***

Answer: Yes

**5) Do management see copies of compliments?**

Answer: Yes

**6) Do you analyse the content of compliments?**

Answer: No

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  
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**