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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 26 November 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 deaths and autopsies in the Trust. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please may I make a Freedom of Information request for the following information:

For each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 please may you provide:

1. The total number of adult (aged 17 and above) deaths within your Trust between 1st January and 31st December.

Answer: 2014 = 1992
 2015 = 2110
 2016 = 2025

Note: The numbers provided are of patients with a discharge method of 'patient died'. The paediatric death totals do not include stillbirths.

2. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on adult (aged 17 and above) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December.

Answer: 2014 = 4 hospital PMs
 2015 = 2 hospital PMs
 2016 = 0 hospital PMs

Note: The figure for Coronial PMs performed in the hospital is much higher but the question is worded for hospital PMs only.

3. The total number of paediatric (aged 16 and below) deaths within your Trust between 1st January and 31st December.

Answer: 2014 = 7
 2015 = 8
 2016 = 18

Note: The numbers provided are of patients with a discharge method of 'patient died'. The paediatric death totals do not include stillbirths.

4. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on paediatric (aged 16 and below) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December.

Answer: There are no PMs performed on children in this Trust

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
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SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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