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

Thank you for your request for information received on 18 December 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 road traffic accidents. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. Does the Trust record information on its Patient Administration System (PAS) which allows you to identify patients admitted due to a road traffic accident (RTA)?**

Answer: Yes.

- 2. How many patient episodes are recorded on the Trust's PAS relating to road traffic accidents in 2017/18?**

Answer: 222.

- 3. How many settlements were made to the Trust via the Injury Cost Recovery (ICR) scheme in 2017/18 in relation to RTA's? If it is not possible to split out RTA settlements, please include all settlements via the ICR scheme?**

Answer:

Month	No. of settlements
Apr-17 Total	153
May-17 Total	137
Jun-17 Total	149
Jul-17 Total	122

Aug-17 Total	129
Sep-17 Total	147
Oct-17 Total	137
Nov-17 Total	129
Dec-17 Total	125
Jan-18 Total	127
Feb-18 Total	163
Mar-18 Total	135
Grand Total	1653

**4. If there is any discrepancy between the number of patients treated for RTAs and the number of settlements via the ICR, what are the main reasons for this?**

Answer: The answer in question 4 relates to all payments received from the Compensation Recovery Unit (CRU) for matters such as RTA's, Public Liability, etc. the Trust do not receive or hold information which would show what the payments we receive from the CRU relate to.

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  
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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**