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

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 April 2019 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 drug resistant infections. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. How many cases of drug resistant infections (both bacterial and fungal) have there been at your NHS trust in each of the past five years (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)?***
- 2. What were those infections?***
- 3. How many of those infections resulted in deaths?***

***Please could you break the results down by year, rather than providing them as one number?***

### **County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust is unable to complete the spreadsheet provided. From the laboratory side of things, the Trust could run searches about how many of those isolate/ drug combinations we would have reported over the years specified but there would be no way of tying these in to actual infection (vs colonisation, normal flora etc.) and ultimately the outcome for the patient without going through every individual patient record. The information extracted from the clinical coding is not specific to drug resistant organisms so, again, the Trust is unable to link it all together.

The only ones the Trust can provide a definitive response to from the list are: we have never isolated *Candida auris* from a patient in this Trust in our laboratory and we do not culture *H.pylori* therefore would not be able to provide information on susceptibility to specific antimicrobials.

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  
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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**