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

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 June 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 end of life care plan. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. The percentage of patients who have died on the Trust's end-of-life care plan against the Trust's target for the number of patients who should die on this plan over the last three years, divided by the year?***
  - e.g. Between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016, 43 per cent of patients died on the plan against a target of 35 per cent.***

***Note: If no such target exists, please make this clear.***

Answer: The Trust can confirm there is no such target and therefore no information that we collect.

- 2. The amount received by the Trust, via the Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) system or similar, for hitting targets related to its end-of-life care plan for the last three years, divided by the year.***
  - e.g. Between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016, the Trust received £X via CQUIN for achieving goals involving its ICP.***

***Note: If no such payments were made, please make this clear.***

Answer: The Trust received £980k in 2016-17 for achieving CQUIN around Palliative Care. There was no End of Life CQUINS in 2017-18 or 2018-19.

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**  
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