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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 July 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 the assaults. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

I am looking for information about assaults which took place at inpatient mental health facilities. Please can I have the following information:

- Number of assault(s)***
- Nature of assault (verbal, physical, both)***
- Location of assault (ie name of facility, 'X ward')***
- Assault report(s) (redacted for personal confidentiality as necessary)***

Please could this information be separated into:

- Assault(s) by patient to another patient***
- Assault(s) by patient to staff***
- Assault(s) by staff to patient***

Date range: every month and every year inclusive 1990 - 2019

Format: CSV file or Excel

Regarding assault reports, these can be any format

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust does not provide mental health services. Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust should be the first point of contact for this information. If you wish to contact Tees Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust, we would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact that organisation via the following address:

Trust Secretary's Department
West Park Hospital
Edward Pease Way
Darlington, DL2 2TS
Email: tewv.foi@nhs.net

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
DL3 6HX

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.



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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer