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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 1st August 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 violation of patient privacy. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. How many staff were disciplined in the last two calendar years (2017 and 2018) for improper/illegal or inappropriate use of patient records?

(a) Medical staff - 0

(b) Non-medical - 1

2. Please provide for the five most recent incidents a brief description, which should include

(i) The nature of the offence or breach of Trust policy (e.g. looked at health records of neighbour/celebrity/family member without professional purpose)

Answer: Inappropriate disclosure

(ii) The person's job title (e.g. nurse, admin staff, physio, consultant)

Answer: Administrative Staff

(iii) How the matter was resolved, i.e. written warning, sacked etc.

Answer: Dismissal



County Durham
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NHS Foundation 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
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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer