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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 October 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 homelessness and pregnancy. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I'm hoping to acquire more information about pregnant women attending obstetrics/maternity/antenatal care appointments within your Trust who declared themselves homeless – whether rough sleeping, in temporary accommodation, with no fixed address or sofa surfing.

- 1. How many pregnant women presenting for initial obstetrics/maternity/antenatal care appointments within your Trust declared themselves as homeless or with no fixed address between 2015 and 2019? Please breakdown by year.***

Answer: Outpatient appointments under specialties 501 or 560 (date format calendar year).

Year	Patients
2015	1
2016	0
2017	0
2018	1
2019 (Jan-Aug)	0

2. ***How many of those pregnant women still declared themselves as homeless or had no fixed address upon being admitted to a labour ward to give birth?***

Answer: Zero

3. ***For 1 and 2, if the information is available, please breakdown the numbers of women to specify how many were rough sleepers, how many were in temporary accommodation (please give numbers for hostels, B&Bs, refuges or other), or with no fixed address.***

Answer: All patients for question 1, “no fixed abode”. Further breakdown unavailable.

4. ***Please also provide figures for the outcomes of pregnancies for homeless women, broken down by the number that ended with a live birth, the number that underwent terminations, the number that had miscarriages and the number that were stillborn.***

Answer: Unable to provide as not coded to this level.

5. ***Please indicate age groups for the number of pregnant women who declared themselves homeless – whether under 20, 20-30, 30-40 or 40+.***

Year	Under 20	20-30	30-40	40+
2015	0	1	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	1	0
2019 (Jan-Aug)	0	0	0	0

6. ***How many of those who were pregnant had their child removed from their care at birth?***

Answer: The Local Authorities would need to be contacted for this information. We are unable to help with this from a Trust perspective.

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.



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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
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer



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