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Email only

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 6 November 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 avoidable deaths. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***Please send me:***

- Quarterly data on the number of avoidable deaths at the Trust (since records began) as required by the Department of Health and Social Care on 14th December 2017 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-becomes-first-healthcare-system-in-the-world-to-publish-numbers-of-avoidable-deaths>##targetText=NHS%20becomes%20first%20healthcare%20system%20in%20the%20world%20to%20publish,lessons%20and%20learn%20from%20failings.)***

Answer: No death incidents reported to NRLS between 14/12/2017 and 31/03/2018.

2018/19	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	2	2	3	0
2019/20	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	1	2*	1*	

\*2 incidents reported as death are still pending full root cause analysis review and subject to harm level changing

Incident harm levels are reported based on the information the reporter has available at the time. Following full review the harm level may change due to the information given on to how the incident occurred for example a fractured neck of femur is reported as severe as national standard, however if all care and falls prevention plans in place the incident maybe downgraded on the evidence to moderate/minor harm.

## 2) *Types of incident causing avoidable deaths?*

Answer:

- Complications Of Care
- Assessment, Diagnosis And Investigations
- Nutrition And Dietetics
- Medication Incidents
- Safeguarding
- Slips, Trips And Falls
- Maternal/Baby Incidents
- Consent, Communication
- Death

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



County Durham  
and Darlington  
NHS Foundation Trust

Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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**