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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 court intervention. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust:***

- “Since 01 January 2017, please specify the number of individual cases where the Court has had to intervene in the treatment of a critically ill child, when there has been a difference of opinion between parents and doctors, over the course of treatment for that child?”***

***Please input your response in the table below. An example has been provided to guide you:***

Name of NHS Trust	Number of individual cases which have been referred to the Court (state the number)	Additional information
<i>Example: XYZ NHS Trust</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>In 2018, there were two cases where the disagreement between the parent and doctor, over the treatment of a critically ill child, meant a court had to intervene.</i>



**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

Name of NHS Trust	Number of individual cases which have been referred to the Court (state the number)	Additional information
County Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust	Nil	N/A

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.



County Durham  
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NHS Foundation Trust

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer