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

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 December 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 hospital admissions with a primary diagnosis of poisoning by illicit drugs. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***We are looking at a piece of work in relation to near-miss overdoses and I wondered whether you, or someone more appropriate in the Trust could tell us whether you collect such information.***

***I know we receive the published hospital episodes statistics for each LA (rather out of date as the most recent ones are 2015/16) so the Trust must collect the number of hospital admissions with a primary diagnosis of poisoning by illicit drugs.***

***If so, are there any interventions which occur with these individuals to prevent it from happening again? From Helen's point of view, there may be something that they could be doing with these individuals.***

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

The Trust have poisoning as a code and opioids but are unable to tell whether the overdose would be from an illicit drug.

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



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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.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**