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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 28 January 2020 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 preventable or avoidable deaths. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. The number of preventable or avoidable deaths for each of the last five calendar years (including 2019) broken down by hospital department (i.e. maternity/ accident and emergency) and condition (where known).***

Answer: Please see spreadsheets attached.

- 2. Preventable or avoidable deaths may be deemed as such by the hospital before an inquest or termed as such following its findings, please state what process the Trust followed to term the death as such.***

Answer: An incident is raised or an incident becomes apparent via reporting on the Trust incident management system or through mortality review. This then proceeds through the Trust's full root cause analysis process and is deemed an incident resulting in death based on the criteria laid down in National Patient Safety Agency guidance, and referenced via the National Reporting and Learning System

***Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.***

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.

Yours sincerely

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