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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 February 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 the early notification scheme. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I make this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please can you confirm:

1) *How many cases were reported to NHS Resolution under the Early Notification Scheme between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2019?*

Answer: 4 cases

2) *How many of those reported were eligible for the scheme?*

Answer: All of them

3) *How many families have been notified of their involvement in the Early Notification Scheme?*

Answer: All of them

4) *How many of these cases were assessed by the Trust as being “likely” to have involved substandard care?*

Answer: 0

5) How many of these cases were assessed by the Trust as being “possible” to have involved substandard care?

Answer: 2

6) How many of these cases were assessed by the Trust as being “unlikely” to have involved substandard care

Answer: 2

7) In how many cases was the risk assessment revised upwards to “possible” or “likely” after the case had been reported under the Early Notification Scheme?

Answer: 0

8) How many admissions of liability have been made?

Answer: 0

9) How many cases are still being investigated?

Answer: 3

10) What information have families been given about legal support?

Answer: The Trust has not given advice to families about legal support.

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
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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
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer