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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 4 June 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Covid-19 tests and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. How many coronavirus tests The Trust has used on patients between 1st March 2020 and today's date (4th June 2020)?

2. Please can you tell me both the number of patients that have been tested, and the number of tests carried out (i.e. if a patient has been tested more than once)?

Please note, The Trust did not start reporting data until it became mandatory on 15 March 2020.

The Trust has carried out 12,475 tests on 9,359 patients between 15/03/2020 and 04/06/2020.

3. In each case, please can you tell me how long it took for The Trust to receive the patients' test result? If you do not have data for every patient please can

you provide me with the average length of time it has taken to get test results for all patients?

Result wait in Days	Total
Same Day	2678
1 Day	7966
2 Days	1488
3 Days	149
4 Days	85
5 Days	16
5+ Days	93
Grand Total	12475

The Trust has grouped the waiting into bands and also calculated the average which was a wait of 1.04 days.

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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