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Email only

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 2 July 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 self-harm admissions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Please can you provide the number of attempted suicide/ self-harm admissions to the Trust in the months outlined below:**

**If possible can you provide a breakdown of age group; over 18, under 18?**

**(i) 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019**

**(ii) 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019**

The Trust provides acute and community health care. It does not provide mental health services and does not therefore treat the mental health conditions which may be associated with tendencies towards suicide or self-harm. The mental health Trust covering our localities is Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.

Please note therefore, that the Trust does not record suicide/ self-harm as a primary diagnosis, the primary diagnosis is recorded as the condition or injury the patient is attending for such as 'open wound of upper arm'. Potential suicide/ self-harm is identified in a secondary code only indicating the cause of the injury or condition, for example 'intentional self-harm by sharp object'. The Trust utilises clinical coding diagnosis codes X60 to X84 to identify this. Numbers of cases identified in these secondary codes are:

	Under 18	18 Plus
01/01/2019 to 31/03/2019	35	154
01/04/2019 to 30/06/2019	45	207

**(iii) 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020**

**(iv) 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020**

	Under 18	18 Plus
01/01/2020 to 31/03/2020	53	154
01/04/2020 to 30/06/2020	38	177

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 hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. 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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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