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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 12 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to patients discharged to Care Home and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**This is a request concerning the number of patients with Covid-19 who were discharged to Care Homes from your hospital wards:**

**1) Please could you state how many patients were discharged to Care Homes after a positive Covid-19 test between March 17th and April 16th 2020?**

There were 10 patients discharged to care homes with a positive Covid-19 test result during the time period specified. Please note that the tests were not always carried out immediately prior to discharge.

**2) Please could you state how many patients were discharged to Care Homes without being tested for Covid-19 between March 17th and April 16th 2020?**

There were 48 patients discharged to care homes without being tested for Covid-19 during the time period specified.

**3) Please could you state how many patients were discharged to Care Homes with a negative test for Covid-19 between March 17th and April 16th 2020?**

There were 40 patients discharged to Care Homes with a negative test for Covid-19 during the time period specified.

**4) Please state whether you have reviewed any of these discharges between March 17th and April 16th to check if they led to any further transmission of Covid-19? If so, please state the number that were recorded as leading to further transmission?**

The Trust has not undertaken a review of this period.

**5) Please provide a copy of any reports in which the Trust's discharge of patients to Care Homes during the March 17th to April 16th 2020 is analysed in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic?**

The Trust has not undertaken a review of this period.

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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