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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21 August 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 acute beds and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**If you have more than one site within your Trust please provide the information as a total for the whole Trust and not on a site by site basis.**

### **1. In the year of 2019 how many patients were admitted into your Trust into an acute bed? Please discount any community patients?**

Inpatient: 79,817  
Day case: 40,040  
Total: 119,857

Please note that all inpatient beds are categorised as 'general and acute care beds' and as such an answer to your specific questions cannot be given.

### **2. Not including any Covid-19 escalation beds, how many acute beds does your Trust have?**

Inpatient: 882  
Day case: 247

Total: 1,129

Please note that all inpatient beds are categorised as 'general and acute care beds' and as such an answer to your specific questions cannot be given.

**3. In 2019, how many deceased patients were managed within your mortuary services throughout your Trust?**

In 2019 2,927 deceased patients were managed within the Trust's mortuary services.

**4. Please provide the order codes of the 3 most commonly used/ order body bags or concealment bags within your Trust in 2019 and provide a breakdown of amounts ordered for these 3 codes? Please include both direct orders and/ or those through any procurement frameworks?**

Product Code	Product Description	Number of Units
VMS002	Body bag PEVA Adult size - 220 x 107cm - 140kg (22 stone) - white - 3 sided zip capacity	320
4615_4615_PRE062	Body Bag: P.E.V.A. Adult Bodybag With Zip 35" x 82" 4615	120
VMS004	Body bag PEVA Infant size 62 x 44cm white	8

**5. When ordering mortuary products, do you purchase alongside any other Trusts in a formal or informal purchasing agreement? If so, please name those Trusts?**

No, when ordering mortuary products the Trust did not purchase alongside any other Trusts in a formal or informal purchasing agreement.

**6. Do you have hoisting facilities in any of the mortuaries in your Trust?**

Yes, the Trust does has hoisting facilities in the Trust mortuaries.

**7. How many fridges do you have all of your mortuaries within your Trust?**

The Trust has 132 fridges within its mortuaries.

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. 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.cddffoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddffoi@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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**Freedom of Information Officer**