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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 20 November 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 the controlled cooling of babies as result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

In relation to 1 and 2 please confirm:

- a. the grade of HIE; and
- b. the ethnic origin of mother and baby

1. **An anonymised list of babies born in the Trust who underwent controlled cooling as result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy (HIE), between 1 September 2010 and 1 September 2020?**

Number of babies	One
Grade of HIE	Grade of HIE is not recorded
Ethnicity of mother & baby	Both mother and baby are White British

2. **An anonymised list of babies born in the Trust who died as a result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy(HIE), between 1 September 2010 and 1 September 2020;**

Number of babies	One
Grade of HIE	Grade of HIE is not recorded
Ethnicity of mother & baby	Both mother and baby are White British

Please note, the information provided above is for babies coded with a diagnosis of HIE and a procedure code active cooling during their birth spell. These numbers do not include patients diagnosed with HIE who have been transferred to another provider shortly after birth for specialist treatment including active cooling.

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 [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.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.

Yours sincerely

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