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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14 December 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 elective operations and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please provide the following information for January 2019 – November 2020 broken down by month.

- 1. The number of elective operations scheduled?**
- 2. The number of elective operations performed?**
- 3. The number of elective operations cancelled at the “last minute”, as defined by the NHS when providing data on cancelled elective operations? The NHS defines “last minute” as “on the day the patient was due to arrive, after the patient has arrived in hospital or on the day of the operation or surgery”. See files available at: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>**
- 4. The number of breaches of the standard, as defined by the NHS when providing data on cancelled elective operations? The NHS defines “breaches of the standard” as the “number of patients not treated within 28 days of the last minute cancellation” of an elective operation. See files available at: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>**
- 5. The total number of elective operations cancelled, regardless of how long cancellations were made before scheduled operation times, if this information is also collected?**

Please see the attached Excel spreadsheet which answers all five questions.

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.

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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