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Email only

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Dear Mr Evans

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 15 January 2021 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 abortions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. The number of Evacuation of retained products of Conception or ERPC's your hospital (or all hospitals within of your Trust) conducted on women between April 1st and December 1st of a) 2020 and b) 2019 (or nearest similar timeframe)?**
- 2. Please can you also include (if noted) what number of these were due to Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) 'complications' or 'side effects' and which were due to miscarriage?**

Please note, the response information provided in the table overleaf has been collated for Trust level (all hospitals in the Trust) using the criteria listed.

		01/04/19 - 01/12/19	01/04/20 - 01/12/20
Question 1	Number of procedures Q11* - evacuation of products of conception from uterus	189	88
Question 2	Number with ERPC procedure code and a diagnosis of O04.0-O04.8 termination with complications	12	8
	Number with ERPC procedure code and a diagnosis of O03.0-O03.8 spontaneous miscarriage with complications or O02.1 spontaneous miscarriage with retention of dead foetus	68	70

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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Freedom of Information Officer