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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 8 February 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 deaths from flu and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Can you please inform me of the Yearly reported deaths from Flu for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

The trust are not required to make any formal reporting of deaths from flu. To answer your query the trust has provided the number of inpatients that died with flu mentioned on the death certificate.

Years	Total
2017	1
2018	13
2019	18
2020	2
Total	34

Below is a link which you may find useful, it takes you to the national Flu data where excess mortality is reported. This is not broken down by trust and the data is presented at a national level:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/895233/Surveillance Influenza and other respiratory viruses in the UK 2019 to 2020 FINAL.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/895233/Surveillance_Influenza_and_other_respiratory_viruses_in_the_UK_2019_to_2020_FINAL.pdf)

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.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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