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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 11 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 admissions of people over the age of 65 from ambulatory care sensitive conditions and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**I understand that it's possible to disaggregate episodes of admissions by where someone is resident prior to admission, my query below on care home residents relates to a local authority (code 65) or NHS (code 54) or private (code 85) run care home.**

**([https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/attributes/source\\_of\\_admission.html](https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/attributes/source_of_admission.html) )**

**In your NHS Trust, monthly from January 2015 to December 2020, how many emergency admissions were recorded for a) people over 65 and b) people over 65 with dementia overall and separately with:**

- a fall
- a Urinary Tract Infection
- Delirium
- Dehydration
- Gastroenteritis
- Influenza
- Chest Infections/ Pneumonia
- Ear, nose or throat infections

**as their primary reason for emergency admission, and for each category how many were care home residents, ideally broken down by LA, NHS or Private?**

**By emergency admissions, we are referring to inpatient admissions to hospital (not A&E attendance), which can happen via A&E, dental casualty department, GP, bed bureau, consultant clinic, transfer from another provider or Mental Health Crisis Resolution team. We understand these are recorded under the Hospital Episode Statistic Database.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet and note the following;

- With regards to Ear nose or throat infections (ENT) unfortunately the clinical codes used for ENT are too numerous and generic to provide an accurate answer, there are over 100 ENT codes. If there are any specific ENT conditions or codes you would like the information for, please notify us and we will aim to provide this accordingly the Trust is unable to provide a split for the care home residents by Local Authority (LA), NHS or Private care as the Trust does not hold that level of information. This information may be accessible via the Freedom of Information Officers at Darlington Borough Council (DBC) and Durham County Council (DCC). For further information we would advise you to please contact DBC and DCC. In accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) please find the respective contact details below should you wish to contact them direct.

[freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@darlington.gov.uk)

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/foi>

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely  
**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer