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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 23 December 2020 and restarted on 4 March 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 process of consent and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. Is dermatological surgery (skin surgery including e.g. punch biopsies and excisions) carried out routinely at your Trust under Dermatology?**

Yes.

**2. If so, is consent undertaken for these using either of:**

- a. Dermatology-specific consent form or procedure-specific consent forms pre-filled with a list of benefits and complications specific to either skin procedures in general, or the skin procedure being carried out?**
- b. Pre-filled consent labels specifying the risks/benefits attached to the Trust generic consent form?**

**3. If either a Dermatology or procedure specific consent form, or a pre-filled consent label is being used, please could you supply me with a copy? In the case of different procedure-specific consent forms used within skin surgery, please could you provide a copy of each form for each procedure?**

The Trust uses a generic Trust consent form for all procedures except for excision of skin lesions which is the most common procedure we perform. This is a pre-filled consent form, please see Attachment 1.

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](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

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