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

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

### **Please provide the following figures per calendar year 2015-2020:**

#### **1. How many live births occurred in your organisation (please break this down to premature and term babies)?**

As requested please see the attached Excel spreadsheet.

#### **2. How many of these live births had cord clamping as being recorded at being at or after one minute? (Please break this down to premature and term babies)?**

#### **3. Please provide the numbers where cord clamping occurred before one minute (please break this down to premature and term babies)?**

#### **4. How many times this was not documented (please break this down to premature and term babies)?**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. In order to gather this information it would require a member of staff to manually examine hundreds of sets of patient's notes which would take a substantial amount of time. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

#### **5. Please provide any audits in the last 5 years on cord clamping times?**

There has not been such an audit within the last 5 years.

**6. Is it mandatory to record the cord clamping time on any of your systems?**

It is not mandatory to record the cord clamping time on a system only on the intrapartum paper record.

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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