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Thank you for your letter which we received on 12 April 2021 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) which had been passed to the Freedom of Information Team from the Chief Executive's Office.

Your letter was in relation to annual accounts and consultants who would be able to provide you with private services.

As previously explained in our letter of 20 November 2020, please contact us later in the year following publication of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2020/21. Please write to the Foundation Trust Office at the address above after the end of July 2021.

In respect of names and fees for private work, this is the third time we have responded to you to explain that this is separate from NHS work. Please see our previous letters dated 29 September 2020 ref 09.20.05, and 9 July 2020 ref 06.20.30. You are advised to speak with you own GP to understand your referral options based on your needs. Your GP should then be able to refer you to an appropriate service. Alternatively you can contact private provider hospitals directly to make enquiries. Should we receive any further correspondence from you relating to the provision of private services such as the names of relevant providers, doctors or associated fees, your letter will be filed but not responded to.

I hope this information is helpful and please do get in touch should you have any freedom of information requests you would like us to process for you.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Officer**