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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 22 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to deaths among patients with learning disabilities and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Please can you tell me how many deaths among patients with learning disabilities the Trust has recorded in the following years; 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?**

Year	Total
2016/17	15
2017/18	15
2018/19	21
2019/20	15
2020/21*	25

Please note, * 2020/21 is incomplete, it includes deaths for March 2021 but not the complete month (the full month will not be completely recorded until a month later).

- 2. Please can you tell me how many of these deaths among patients with learning disabilities were categorised as Serious Incidents? Please provide the total number for each year? If possible, please provide the outcome of each of these Serious Incidents?**

Year	Serious Incident Total	Incident Type	Learning Outcomes
2016/17	0		
2017/18	1	Grade 4 Pressure Ulcer	Please note the following outcomes which were determined as an outcome of all 4 cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning disabilities passports need to be obtained on admission where available. • Documentation to be improved in relation to wound care and positional changes • Referrals to specialist services to be undertaken in a timely manner • Staff need to be aware of patients with non-verbal communication methods
2018/19	1	Grade 3 Pressure Ulcer/Missed Fracture	
2019/20	2	Missed Fracture Delay to Diagnose	
2020/21	0		

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.

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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