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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 12 April 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 suicide and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### **Information regarding the total number of patients admitted to or presenting at Darlington Memorial Hospital during the period 30/03/2020 through to 30/03/2021 for attempted suicide.**

There were 1364 patients admitted who were coded between the periods above with one of the diagnosis codes below:

- R45.8 Other symptoms and signs involving emotional state (suicidal tendencies, without diagnosis of mental disorder)
- X60-X84 Intentional self-harm (secondary position only) – mechanism of injury, e.g. hanging, OD, etc.

This excludes any patient who was also coded as having a history of self-harm as per the code below

- Z91.5 History of self-harm

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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