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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 26 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 guidance provided by the Trust and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. Please could you confirm whether in January 2020 you had any local guidance in place, which specifically considered, in an acute setting:**

***the management of withdrawal from illicit drugs***

**and/or**

- ***the continuation of community substitution prescriptions for drug dependence (such as opioid substitution therapy)***

**and/or**

- ***the initiation of such a prescription***

**2. Please could you share this guidance with us (as it was in January 2020) under the terms of the FOI Act, or otherwise point us to where it could be found in the public domain.**

Please find attached the Trust policy which was in place in January 2020. Please note that this policy was operating under a 12 month extension.

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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