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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 to stillbirths and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

### **For the 2020/21 financial year:**

#### **1. How many stillbirths have been recorded by the Trust?**

Please see Attachment 1.

#### **2. How many progressed to serious incident review?**

#### **3. Of those that progressed to serious incident review, what was the outcome for these?**

#### **4. How many were reported as ‘avoidable’ or ‘potentially avoidable’?**

Relating to question 2, 3 and 4: The Trust reviews every still birth on an individual basis and they are also presented through the monthly perinatal mortality meeting. The Trust does produce an annual report on pregnancy losses which would address the questions you have asked however this information is not currently available for the timescale requested due to the proximity of your request to the financial year end.

In accordance with Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, the Trust would advise you to resubmit your request for information at the end of July 2021. It is expected that at that time the information you have requested will have been collated into the afore mentioned annual report through the Trust’s internal reporting mechanisms, enabling us to provide you with the information you have requested.

#### **5. What was the total number of births and mortality rate? Please break this data down by each month.**

Please see Attachment 1.

**Has the Trust conducted any thematic reviews into these stillbirths? If so, please summarise the findings. Could the Trust provide any thematic reviews, with any suitable redactions?**

Please see the answer to questions 2-4.

**Please could you also provide the following information, again broken down by month, for the previous four financial years?**

- **How many stillbirths have been recorded by the Trust?**
- **What was the total number of births and mortality rate?**

Please see Attachment 1.

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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