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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 28 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 community pharmacies and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. How many community pharmacies reported an unplanned/ forced closure to (insert NHS LAT name) in the period between 31 October 2020 and 31 March 2021?**
- 2. Please list pharmacies that reported they were closed on which date, the length of time of the closure and the reason given?**
- 3. Please provide any details of breach notices that have been issued under regulation 71 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 for forced closure in relation to pharmacies in your area between 31 October 2020 and 31 March 2021?**

The Trust does not operate any community pharmacies and would therefore advise you to contact Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in the first instance. If you wish to contact Darlington CCG in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following email addresses: tvccg.foi-ig@nhs.net

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 am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer