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

I would like to see any triage protocols for ICU (which specified who would be admitted and who would be denied care) that were in use between March 2020 and to date.

The Trust did not use a triage tool or protocol as you have specified in your request. Decisions on admissions were made on an individual basis by the Consultants in Intensive care and/or the referring specialties where appropriate. In addition decisions on admissions to ITU involving Covid-19 were subject to either a prospective or retrospective (in emergency situations) multi-disciplinary team decision involving a respiratory physician, an intensive care consultant and a palliative care consultant.

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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Freedom of Information Officer