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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 6<sup>th</sup> May 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 serious incidents. The Trust contacted you on 14 May 2021 to seek clarification on your definition of during surgery to enable the Trust to respond. You clarified that you were referring to any serious incident that has occurred during or as a result of any surgical procedure. That would include surgery related to maternity (such as a C-section), and other invasive procedures. This also includes all 'wrong site surgeries' as set out in the Never Event policy.

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

- 1. How many serious incidents occurred during surgery in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 up to the date received (07/05/2021)? Please provide a breakdown by year. Please include locum or agency staff if you hold information on them.**
  - a) Please provide a breakdown by i) never events ii) all other serious incidents**

Please see the below table for a breakdown of the type of incidents.

	Reported 1 <sup>st</sup> January - 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Reported 1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	Reported 1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	Reported 1 <sup>st</sup> January – 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Never Events	2	1	1	2
Other Serious Incidents	4	7	5	1

- b) For each serious incident, please provide as much detail as possible within the time/cost framework, and without any identifying information that could incur a personal data exemption.**

A Patient Safety and Experience report is presented to the Trust Board during its Open Sessions. This report contains detailed information about both serious incidents and never events. Board papers are available on the Trust website at the following address: <https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/about-the-trust/trust-board/trust-board-meetings.aspx> In line with section 21 of the FOIA we would direct you to this part of the Trust website where we believe the information you are requesting is accessible. If this is not the case or you require further or different information to that contained within the online reports, please do get in touch.

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

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer