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Email only

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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 Patient moved from waiting list because they have died and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. Please can you tell me how many patients have been removed from waiting lists at the trust because they have died, for each of the following years:**

- a) 2021 to date (Jan to Jun) 121
- b) 2020 242
- c) 2019 169
- d) 2018 171
- e) 2017 160

**2. Please also tell me whether the trust has any policies to limit the number of new referrals for any of the following procedures:**

- a) Hernia repair
- b) Cataract surgery
- c) Hip and knee replacements

The Trust has no policies to limit the number of new referrals for any of the above procedures.

**3. If yes to question 2, please could you provide more details and also let me know when these policies came into place?**

N/A

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

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**