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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 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 Dog Bites and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. **For 2021; by the Hospitals in your trust please can I receive a monthly breakdown on the number of people visiting hospitals having been “Bitten or stuck by a dog”**
2. **For 2020; by the Hospitals in your trust please can I receive a monthly breakdown on the number of people visiting hospitals having been “Bitten or stuck by a dog”**
3. **For 2019; by the Hospitals in your trust please can I receive a monthly breakdown on the number of people visiting hospitals having been “Bitten or stuck by a dog”**

Please note that due to the way in which the hospital codes patient attendances the information provided in the table overleaf is based on admissions to hospital with a diagnosis of ‘dog bite’ while patients who attended A&E and were not admitted have not been able to be included.

2021		2020		2019	
Month	Number of Patients	Month	Number of Patients	Month	Number of Patients

2021-01	14	2020-01	9	2019-01	4
2021-02	14	2020-02	14	2019-02	6
2021-03	9	2020-03	12	2019-03	14
2021-04	19	2020-04	10	2019-04	11
2021-05	14	2020-05	11	2019-05	17
2021-06	17	2020-06	14	2019-06	7
2021-07	11	2020-07	8	2019-07	15
		2020-08	10	2019-08	11
		2020-09	10	2019-09	13
		2020-10	10	2019-10	9
		2020-11	7	2019-11	7
		2020-12	8	2019-12	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>

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**