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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18th 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 Public Health Funerals and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

If your NHS Trust organises and carries out public health funerals for people who die in the trust's care and who don't have the financial means or family/friends to arrange it please can you answer the following? (please see the attached spreadsheet I have put together to help you collate the data):

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case the Trust is claiming an exemption under Section 21 of the Act, namely the information is otherwise accessible from our website. The information requested is covered in the Trust's FOI disclosure log (2020). The link is provided below:

<https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/search.aspx?search=public+health+funerals>

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

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator