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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 23<sup>rd</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 Patients detained under Section 136 and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. How many patients presenting to the Emergency Department were detained under section 136 of the Mental Health Act each month from January 2018 to December 2020?**

Total	7
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Jan-18	2
Feb-18	1
Apr-18	1
Nov-18	1
Feb-19	1
Apr-19	1

**2. What was the average length of stay in the Emergency Department for those patients who were detained under section 136 of the Mental Health Act in:**

- a. **2018** – 316 minutes
- b. **2019** – 184 minutes
- c. **2020** – N/A no patients

**3. How many patients detained under section 136 at the time of presenting to the Emergency Department were transferred to a psychiatric hospital each month from January 2018 to December 2020?**

Apr-18	1
Feb-19	1

**4. How many patients detained under section 136 at the time of presenting to the Emergency Department were discharged home (rather than to another hospital) each month from January 2018 to December 2020?**

There was one patient discharged home from the Emergency Department and this was November 2018.

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**