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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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 legal firms the Trust uses and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### **Please can you tell me who the solicitors or legal firm the Trust commissions for legal matters?**

In 2020-2021 the Trust used the following solicitors or legal firms:

- Womble Bond Dickinson (construction)
- Capsticks (employment)
- Ward Hadaway (clinical negligence)
- Hempsons (one off advice relating to a major contract)
- PDEL (one off advice on an employment matter)
- NHS Resolution – responsible for all Trust negligence claims (clinical and employment). –

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**