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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14th 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 Length of Stays and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. How many stranded patients did each of your trust’s hospitals have during each month of the calendar year 2019, 2020 and so far in 2021**
- 2. How many super-stranded patients did each of your trust’s hospitals have during each month of the calendar year, 2019, 2020 and so far in 2021**

This metric is used to count the number of ‘stranded’ patients in hospital as a snapshot on a daily basis for the sitrep return. The best way of reporting an accurate figure is to provide a daily average for each month, this will eliminate the multiple counting of patients who are reported each day during their stay.

Stranded Patients 7 plus days												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	331	330	340	353	344	317	308	302	314	309	331	341
2020	362	361	305	188	208	181	200	214	233	243	292	305
2021	304	294	238	269	274	303	306	299				

Stranded Patients 14 plus days												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

2019	180	176	177	199	196	176	167	168	168	164	172	191
2020	199	206	177	95	104	92	100	101	114	123	149	157
2021	158	152	120	130	138	160	159	152				

Stranded Patients 21 plus days												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	110	100	98	122	124	109	102	106	104	96	94	114
2020	119	128	115	53	59	54	55	57	66	71	82	85
2021	91	88	68	70	81	97	97	88				

3. What were the five longest Length of Stays a patient was classed as 'stranded' recorded in your trust during calendar year 2019, 2020 and so far in 2021.

Please see the below table:

Year	Length of Stay (days)	Number of Patients
2019	264	1
	184	1
	166	1
	165	1
	143	2
2020	245	1
	137	2
	136	1
	127	1
	122	1
2021	159	3
	145	1
	140	1
	129	1
	105	1

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