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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 23rd 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 External Suppliers and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

Data about payments made by the Trust to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 2020-01-01 and 2020-12-31. I understand that information about items of spending over £25,000 is published on your website. I would like to request some complementary information, if possible. What I am requesting is a compiled list of your external suppliers which contains the following variables:

- The name of the supplier**
- The total amount paid to the supplier during the year 2020 for purchases of goods and services. The amounts can either be including or excluding VAT. This request only regards suppliers to whom the organisation has paid £5,000 or more during 2020.**

Please provide the results in excel spreadsheet format, a positive example from another trust can be seen attached (it has been anonymised to protect the sender).

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist

requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

Please find enclosed the attached spreadsheet that you requested.

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