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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> November 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.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to cost improvement plans and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**We are trying to seek the figures for the CIPs that were delivered for 2020-21.**

**1. Trust Code**

RXP

**2. Trust Name**

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

**3. Total Cost Improvement Plan (£ millions) 2020-21**

£2m

**4. Total Cost Improvement Plan as a proportion of controllable operating expenditure (%) 2020-21 (excluding PFI costs, for example)**

This question has been discussed in detail by our Finance Team and based on these discussions they have been unable to answer this question. Due to there being no mandated definition of what controllable operating expenditure is without precise clarity. Please accept our apologies that it has taken a significant amount

of time to provide this answer. If you would like to provide a definition of what you are defining as controllable operating expenditure the Trust will endeavour to provide a response.

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**