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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30th 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.

Your request was in relation to Legal claims and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please could you let us know for the year ending 5th April 2021 the following:

1. The number of requests for medical records pursuant to the Clinical Negligence Protocol you received.

148

2. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the most requests and how many was that?

18 – Fletchers Solicitors
18 – Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

3. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the second most requests and how many was that?

11 – Browell Smith & Co. Solicitors

4. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the third most requests and how many was that?

7 – New Law Solicitors

5. The number of formal letters of claim pursuant to the Clinical Negligence Protocol you received.

84

6. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the most letters of claim and how many was that?

14 – Irwin Mitchell Solicitors

7. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the second most letters of claim and how many was that?

9 – Fletchers Solicitors

8. Which Firm of Solicitors sent the third most letters of claim and how many was that?

5 – Browel Smith & Co Solicitors

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