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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 December 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 Covid Deaths and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please could you inform me of the actual number of deaths reported in the trust since January 2020 to the most recent available figures. These figures must NOT include deaths WITH Covid-19 just deaths occurring due to Covid-19

In order to respond to this question the Trust has used data based on the death certificates of patients. Please note however that the Trust only has routine access to the death certificates of patients who have died in the acute sites as those patients who have died in the community or in community hospitals have their death certificates completed by a GP and as such the details are not recorded on the Trust system.

There were 62 patients between 01/01/2020 and 07/12/2021 with Covid-19 as the only cause of death on part one of the death certificate with sections two to four of the certificate left blank.

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