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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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 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 19 patients and testing and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. What is the weekly or monthly count of below listed confirmed COVID-19 patients categories for each of the hospitals within the trust over the period of March 2020 until present?**
  - a) Patients with confirmed positive PCR test**
  - b) Patients treated for COVID-19**
  - c) Patients treated for COVID-19 in intensive care unit**
  - d) Patients treated for COVID-19 receiving mechanical ventilation**

**For each of the above please provide a breakdown by Covid-19 vaccination status, from whenever this data is available, into unvaccinated, vaccinated 1 dose, vaccinated 2 doses, vaccinated 3 doses, where unvaccinated means the patient has never received any covid-19 vaccine. If possible could you please provide the data as an attachment in any kind of excel spreadsheet format.**

Please find enclosed the spreadsheet that you have requested and note that the Trust only began to record vaccination status from June 2021.

- 2. For patients admitted without confirmed positive PCR test result, how frequently are patients being tested for COVID-19? If there is any difference in testing frequency for vaccinated vs. unvaccinated patients, please provide testing frequency by vaccination status.**

Inpatients are PCR tested for COVID-19 at Day 0,3,5,7,10,14 and every 7 days thereafter. There are no differences in screening for vaccinated or unvaccinated patients. If a patient has contact with a positive patient, they restart the process. If an outbreak is declared on a ward, we may ask for all patients on that ward to be screened.

- 3. What is the testing protocol for hospital staff, specifically how frequently are staff required to undergo COVID-19 testing of any type? If there is any difference in testing frequency for vaccinated vs. unvaccinated staff, please provide testing frequency by vaccination status.**

All Trust staff are required to undertake a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) twice a week. If they are symptomatic and LFT negative, they are required to book a PCR test. If staff have a close contact, domestic contact or have had a PPE breach, they are required to take a PCR test followed by LFT testing for 10 days. This is regardless of their vaccination status.

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**