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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 11<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 staff absences from Covid and patients discharged to care homes and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Please provide the weekly or monthly number of staff absences by covid-19 vaccination status for the period since staff vaccination status has been recorded until present.**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Average number of staff absent with Covid</b>
<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>May 2020</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Jun 2020</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Jul 2020</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Aug 2020</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Sep 2020</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Oct 2020</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Nov 2020</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Dec 2020</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Jan 2021</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Feb 2021</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Mar 2021</b>	<b>55</b>

Month	Average number of staff absent with Covid
Apr 2021	37
May 2021	31
Jun 2021	30
Jul 2021	50
Aug 2021	47
Sep 2021	61
Oct 2021	70
Nov 2021	58
Dec 2021	67
Jan 2022	219

Due to the way in which the Trust record staff absences and the vaccination status of staff they are not on the same system. Therefore in order to provide this information a manual comparison of absence data and staff vaccination records would need to take place and we would estimate that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

2. **In addition to absence numbers, please provide total numbers of staff by vaccination status.**

	CDDFT Substantive Staff
2 Doses + Booster	4317
2 Doses Only	2192
1 Dose Only	145
No Vaccination Status Available	399
Total Staff	<b>7053</b>

3. **Please provide the weekly or monthly number of beds used by patients who could be safely discharged to care homes, but cannot be discharged because of lack of care home capacity. Please provide this data for the period of January 2020 until present.**

The Trust does not centrally record this information and estimates that it would take a significant amount of time to gather the information requested. Therefore, we are refusing this section of your request for information pursuant to section 12 of the Act on the grounds that we estimate that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The

appropriate limit at the present time is £450.00 which equates to eighteen hours of work by a member of staff at the rate of £25 per hour.

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**