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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 25th March 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 hospital acquired Covid infections and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

For all the information below please could you provide data from between the dates 01/12/2021 to 25/03/2022, and could you please provide the figures for each individual month. An Excel form has been included for this information to be easily filed.

- 1. The monthly number of probable hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (8-14 days after admission)**
- 2. The monthly number of definite hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (>14 days)**
- 3. The monthly number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a 'probable' hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection**
- 4. The monthly number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a 'definite' hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection**

Please find attached the spreadsheet you required to be completed and note the following for questions 3 and 4 relating to deaths:

- The count has been based on the month that the patient tested positive which is the same rationale as questions 1 and 2. It does not necessarily mean that the patient died within the same month.

- Whilst the data confirms that the patients had Covid-19 at the time of their death it is not stating whether or not Covid-19 was the cause of death.

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