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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 1<sup>st</sup> June 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 the number of deaths and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**As described on page 6 of the National Quality Board's National Guidance on Learning from Deaths, Trusts are required to collect specified information on deaths:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/nqb-national-guidance-learning-from-deaths.pdf>

**Please may I receive the following data described in that guidance, on a monthly basis from the beginning of 2018 to the most recent month available?**

- 1. The total number of in-patient deaths (including emergency department deaths)**
- 2. The number of deaths subject to case record review**
- 3. Of these deaths subjected to review, the number that were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care**

Please see the attached spreadsheet. Please note that for question 3, as the Trust uses PRISM 2 methodology rather than SJR (which was regionally agreed), the classification for problems in healthcare are based on deaths judged to be avoidable (greater than 50% likelihood of avoidability). These are deaths with a HOGAN score of greater than or equal to 4.

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**