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Email only

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Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 21<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 ED attendances for dog attacks and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Before reading our response please note that the following criteria was used to answer:

- Questions 1 and 2 code 'Where Injury Activity Mechanism (meaning dog bite or strike') was used, with the ED arrival date between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2021.
- Questions 3 and 4 the diagnosis code for dog bite was used, with an admission date between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2021.

**Please may you provide me with Emergency department attendances for dog attacks and dog related injuries broken down by:**

**1. calendar) year for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Attendances</b>
2017	0
2018	3
2019	1
2020	5
2021	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

2. A breakdown of the ages of patients in question 1 broken down by (calendar) year for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

No of Attendances	Age												
Year	1	5	6	8	16	20	24	28	30	38	40	43	Grand Total
2017													0
2018	1	1						1					3
2019										1			1
2020			1			1			1		1	1	5
2021				1	1		1						3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>

3. Hospital admissions for dog attacks and dog related injuries broken down by (calendar) year for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Year	Number of Admissions
2017	77
2018	93
2019	95
2020	97
2021	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>

4. A breakdown of the ages of patients in question 3 broken down by (calendar) year for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Please see attachment 1.

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**