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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 14<sup>th</sup> July 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 Poor Quality Cannulas and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Has there been any incidents/concerns or alerts raised about poor quality cannulas and if so please can I have details of these? This is Trust Wide and for 4 months prior to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

The Trust did report a potential fault with a B Braun Vasofix 20g IV cannula used at UHND, 'during insertion the end of the cannula split leaving the needle exposed to the patient'.

This was reported to the MHRA on the 28/06/21, the device was disposed of immediately after use, so no sample was available to send to the company for a full investigation.

B Braun reviewed the incident and advised that the probable cause was from the steel stylet being withdrawn and pushed forward again during cannulation leading to damage of the catheter, this was fed back to the reporters.

The Medical device incident reports received from 1<sup>st</sup> of June to 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 have been reviewed and there were no other incidents highlighting poor quality cannulas.

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**