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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 17th August 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 maternity claims and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I would like to know the following information for the last ten years (1 April 2011 to 31st March 2022) -

- 1. How much money was paid out by your Trust regarding claims brought in your maternity unit? Per year.**
- 2. Out of the above claims (each year) how many related to:**
 - a. mothers dying**
 - b. babies dying**
 - c. still births**
 - d. babies born with brain damage or cerebral palsy.**

The Trust does not hold the most up to date information regarding claims brought into our maternity unit, therefore in order to get the most accurate data we would advise you to contact NHS Resolution directly. If you wish to contact NHS Resolution in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following link: <https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

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