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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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 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 Clinical Negligence Claims in the Maternity Sector and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Please provide me with an annual breakdown of the total number successful clinical negligence claims made against the trust in the maternity sector and the total value of the damages paid out in the maternity sector, broken down at a site-level.**

**I am specifically requesting the information at a site-level, not at the trust-level. That means the data you provide should be broken down by individual sites - e.g. separate data for a hospital the trust manages, as well as a midwife-led unit.**

**Please indicate if a site is a midwife-led unit i.e. freestanding from a hospital.**

**Please provide this data for the latest five years for which it is available.**

**The data could be provided to me in the format of two tables, one for total number of claims and a second for the total value of damages. Each row would represent a site, and each column would be a year.**

The Trust does not hold the most accurate information regarding clinical negligence claims made against the Trust in maternity. The Trust's indemnifier, NHS Resolution, negotiate and agree settlements on our behalf. 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](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**