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Email only

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Dear Mr Brownhill

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 July 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding clinical negligence claims. Specifically you asked:

Please could you let me know the amount / number of clinical negligence claims which cost the Trust more than £1 million - inclusive of damages and other costs, such as legal costs and medical fees – during the most recent financial year for which you hold full data.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust had two such claims. The Trust contributes to the national Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST), a risk pooling scheme that is administered by NHS Resolution, a special health authority established to manage claims on behalf of NHS bodies. These claims were settled by the Scheme rather than from the Trust's own funds.

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information Officer