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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 17th November 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 Midwife to Birth Ratio in 2021 and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. What was your midwife to birth ratio in 2021?

Figures have been calculated using the total number of births in 2021 and the number of whole-time-equivalent midwives employed (funded and contracted) at CDDFT for the year 2021.

Total number of births: 4375

Total number of midwives (Band 8A excluded) budgeted: 216.95

Total number of midwives (Band 8A excluded) contracted: 209.58

Midwife to birth ratio 2021:

Budgeted: 1:20

Contracted: 1:21

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