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Email only

12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 feticide and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Is the administration of a direct fetal painkiller or anesthetic, such as fentanyl or lidocaine, prior to a feticide included in the surgery protocols/standard operating procedures for a feticide in your NHS Trust?**

**For example, as demonstrated in step #17 of this Standard Operating Procedure: Feticide Procedure from the University of North Midlands NHS Trust:**

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/media/3655/20200713-foi-ref-099-2021-3-of-4.pdf>

No. The Trust would look to a tertiary centre for this management.

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**