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Email only

24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 3<sup>rd</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 C-section policies and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**Please release all current policy documents, guidelines, memos, minutes of meetings and internal emails (and their attachments) that relate to the Trust's policy on elective C-Sections and so-called 'normal' or 'natural' (vaginal) births and in what circumstances either should take place. Any memos or emails should be dated after 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

Please see attachment 1 'Caesarean Section – Emergency and Elective guideline', attachment 2 'Family Health Quality & Governance Meeting October 2020 Minutes', and attachment 3 'Standard Operating Procedure for Elective Caesarean Section (EL CS) list in Main Theatre'.

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**