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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 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 Audits/QIPs/Research and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

### **1. The number of registered audits/QIP/research projects (planned and completed) since October 2020 at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust**

From October 2020 there have been 424 Clinical Audits completed or planned within the Trust.

From October 2020 there have been 21 QIP/Research projects completed or planned within the Trust.

### **2. The number of audits/QIP/research projects that have an environmental/sustainability focus as part of their agenda**

Clinical Audits - Looking at the aims and objectives of these clinical audits it is not possible to determine absolutely whether environmental/sustainability formed part of the agenda. The primary focus is on improving clinical practice and services.

There have been no QIP/Research projects that have an environmental/sustainability focus as part of their agenda.

### **3. A breakdown of the topics that these audits/QIP/research projects focus on**

Clinical Audits – Auditors do not indicate specifically whether environmental/sustainability formed part of the agenda. We have provided a copy of our Trust-wide clinical audit plans for 2020/21 and 2021/22. These cover the majority of the audits, but not local audits undertaken to supplement the Trust-wide plan, in individual services.

QIP/Research Projects focus on Treatment outcomes.

**4. Whether County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust has a sustainability lead**

The Trust does have a Sustainability Lead. The Trust has a Sustainability Group jointly chaired by the Chief Executive, and one of our clinical leaders. Our Green Plan has a number of work-streams, each of which has a dedicated lead who reports into the Sustainability Group.

**5. Whether County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust has a sustainability policy included in clinical governance meetings and junior doctor induction materials.**

The Trust does not include a sustainability policy in the junior doctor's induction. All our staff receive regular communications on our Green Plan and the work of the Sustainability Group.

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**