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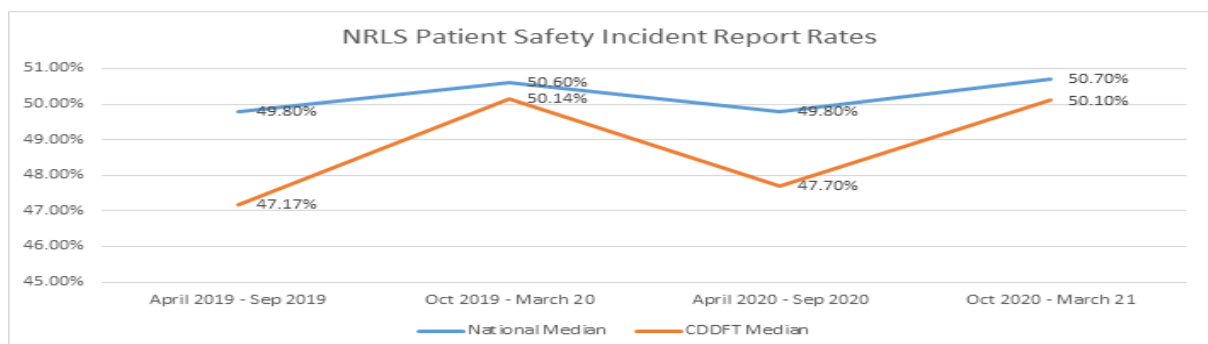
### Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 9<sup>th</sup> December 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 patient safety incidents resulting in severe harm or death and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Please tell me for the years a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and, where available, rate of patient safety incidents reported within the trust

Financial Year	Total
2019-20	14162
2020-21	12427



2. Please provide separately for a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and percentage of the patient safety incidents from question 1 that resulted in severe harm or death

For context, I read in this NHS Improvement document on page 20 that trusts are required to record the above information.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/De-tailed-requirements-for-quality-report-update.pdf>)

Financial Year	Actual Impact	Total
2019-20	4 - Severe (Permanent Or Long Term Harm)	17
2019-20	5 - Death (Caused By The Incident)	4
2020-21	4 - Severe (Permanent Or Long Term Harm)	18
2020-21	5 - Death (Caused By The Incident)	6

3. Please provide me with a brief overview of the FIRST FIVE patient safety incidents in 2020/21 that resulted in severe harm or death (i.e. the incidents identified in question 2b above), withholding any identifying information that would run into a Section 40 exemption.

Cause Group	Actual Harm
Diagnosis Delay	4 – Severe (Permanent or Long Term Harm)
Unexpected Deterioration in Health	5 – Death (Caused by the Incident)
Found on the Floor – Unwitnessed Fall	4 – Severe (Permanent or Long Term Harm)
Slip, Trip and Fall on same level	4 – Severe (Permanent or Long Term Harm)
Slip, Trip and Fall on same level	4 – Severe (Permanent or Long Term Harm)

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**