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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 1st June 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 terminology of individuals giving birth and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. In the Trust's written material, either external or internal, how are individuals who are pregnant referred to? e.g. As 'women', as 'pregnant people', as 'women and pregnant people' etc. Also, please provide this material or link(s) to it.**

Women/woman.

- 2. If using any wording other than solely 'women', 'women and girls' or 'females', when was such terminology introduced and why?**

Not applicable.

- 3. Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how many births in total have taken place at the Trust (including home births if relevant)? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, financial year 2022-23 to date this FOI request was received.**

2020-22 - 4473
2021-22 - 4450
2022-23 (April – May 2022) - 698

4. **Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how many births at the Trust (including home births if relevant) have been to individuals who do not identify as women? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 and financial year 2022-23 to date this FOI request was received.**

The Trust does not hold this information prior to 2021. For 2021 to present the answer is 2.

5. **Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how many births at the Trust (including home births if relevant) have been to individuals who identify as men or as trans-men? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, financial year 2022-23 to date this FOI request was received.**

In 2021-22 there were 2 births to individuals who identified as male.

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