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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 16th September 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 declaration of conformity for type IIR surgical masks and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am requesting the Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Declarations of Conformity for all type IIR surgical masks provided as PPE to staff since 15 June 2020. Regulation (EU) 2016/425 states that the Declarations of Conformity must be provided physically with the PPE or a weblink printed on the PPE packaging. Which means if the PPE provided is legally compliant, then the Declarations of Conformity will be readily accessible.

The Trust does not hold this information. PPE and in particular type IIR masks are received from the national central NHS stock pile. All appropriate checks are under taken by the central team to ensure PPE is suitable and meets the required standards prior to distribution to the NHS.

If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can do so via the following email address: productqueries@ppeenquiries.com .

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