Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 24 November 2014 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the recruitment of nurses. Specifically you asked:

Has the Trust recruited nurses from outside the UK (i.e. residing outside the UK, not foreign nurses residing inside the UK) in each of the following years: a) 2011-12 b) 2012-13 c) 2013-14?

If yes, please tell me from which countries the nurses were recruited and the year in which they were recruited.

Has the Trust held nurse’s recruitment fairs abroad in any of past three years?

If yes, please tell me in which country the fairs were held and how many nurses were recruited.

Please tell me how much you spent recruiting nurses from abroad for each of the past three years either on recruitment fairs or other recruitment campaigns.

Please explain very clearly how you tested the English of the nurses before they were recruited. Was this through interview or written test and did staff from the hospital carry this out or was it left to an agency?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:
The Trust has not held recruitment fairs abroad or recruited nurses from outside the UK (i.e. residing outside the UK, not foreign nurses residing inside the UK) in any of the following years: a) 2011-12 b) 2012-13 c) 2013-14?

All other answers are not applicable.

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner’s Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer