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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 1 September 2015 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 overseas doctors. Specifically you asked for:

1. **How much did your Trust spend on recruiting overseas doctors in the financial years?**
   a) 2012-13
   b) 2013-14
   c) 2014-15

2. **For each of the years specified above, of the amount spent on recruiting overseas doctors, how much was paid to external recruitment companies?**

3. **For each of the years specified above, please confirm how many overseas doctors were recruited by the Trust?**

4. **For each of the years specified above, please specify how many of the recruited overseas doctors were recruited as locums and how many were recruited as permanent staff?**

5. **For each of the years specified above, please list the recruited doctors’ countries of origin and please specify the number of doctors recruited from each country listed?**

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:
Answer: The Trust does not run specific overseas doctors recruitment campaigns and we have not used external recruitment agencies.

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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer