

Executive Corridor
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX
Switchboard Tel: 01325 38 0100
Foundation Trust Office: 01325 74 3625
Corporate Records Office: 01325 74 3700

Request for Information Reference: 01.16.02

Direct line: 01325 743700
Email: foi@cddft.nhs.uk

Email only

29 January 2016

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 5 January 2016 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 budgets and expenses. Specifically you asked:

1. In (a) 2013/2014 and (b) 2014/15 financial year what was the budget on ingredients for patients' meals provided in the hospital trust. Please provide this figure as a financial amount on ingredients only (no labour or preparation costs) per patient per day.

2. In (a) 2013/14 and (b) 2014/15 financial year what was the most expensive restaurant bill claimed on expenses by any of the Trust's executives/directors? Please state the name and address of the restaurant, how many people were dining, the date of the dinner and the job title of the director/executive who claimed the meal on expenses.

Executive Corridor
 Darlington Memorial Hospital
 Hollyhurst Road
 Darlington
 DL3 6HX
 Switchboard Tel: 01325 38 0100
 Foundation Trust Office: 01325 74 3625
 Corporate Records Office: 01325 74 3700

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Question 1

In the (a) 2013/2014 and (b) 2014/15 financial year what was the budget on ingredients for patients' meals provided in the hospital trust. Please provide this figure as a financial amount on ingredients only (no labour or preparation costs) per patient per day.

Darlington Memorial Hospital	University Hospital North Durham	Bishop Auckland Hospital	Chester Le Street Hospital	Shotley Bridge Hospital	Richardson Community Hospital	Sedgefield Community Hospital	Weardale Community Hospital
2013/14 £2.10	2013/14 £4.98	2013/14 £4.58	2013/14 £3.56	2013/14 £3.99	2013/14 £4.17	2013/14 £3.16	2013/14 £2.85
2014/15 £2.05	2014/15 £5.32	2014/15 £4.70	2014/15 £3.32	2014/15 £3.44	2014/15 £3.04	2014/15 £3.46	2014/15 £3.56

Trust Average

2013/14 - £3.67

2014/15 - £3.61

Question 2.

In (a) 2013/14 and (b) 2014/15 financial year what was the most expensive restaurant bill claimed on expenses by any of the Trust's executives/ directors? Please state the name and address of the restaurant, how many people were dining, the date of the dinner and the job title of the director/executive who claimed the meal on expenses.

Financial year	Full Name	Job	Allowance Type	Paid In Period	Value	Name & Address of Restaurant	Number of people	Date of meal
14/15	Jacques, Mrs. Susan	Administrative and Clerical Chief Executive	Meal Allow	June '14	£99.00	Whitworth Hall Country Park, Nr Spennymoor. County Durham. DL16 7QX	7 Execs at 14.40 each	11-Apr-2014
13/14	Jacques, Mrs. Susan	Administrative and Clerical Chief Executive	Meal Allow	Dec '13	£341.61	Bistro 21, Aykley House. Durham. DH1 5TS	7	08-Oct-2013

Please note that the 2013/14 charge was subsequently recharged to 6 other NHS organisations who had representatives present at the meal and therefore the element of cost that actually related to CDDFT was £48.80.

Executive Corridor
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX
Switchboard Tel: 01325 38 0100
Foundation Trust Office: 01325 74 3625
Corporate Records Office: 01325 74 3700

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