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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 August 2017 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 children ward closure. Specifically you asked:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on children ward closures across your hospitals.

- 1. On how many occasions have your children's wards been closed to new admissions during financial years 2010/2011, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?***
- 2. For each children's ward closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure?***
- 3. For each children's ward closure, please also state the number of patients which were diverted elsewhere as a result of the ward closing?***

For my queries I attach an Excel document with a table for ease of inputting the data. I would be most grateful if you would please use it should you find that format helpful.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

	Number of occasions ward/s was closed	Duration of closure/s	Reason/s for closure/s	Number of patients diverted as a result of closure/s
2010/11	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
2014/15	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
2015/16	1	6- 8 hours	bed pressure	1
2016/17	4	6 - 8 hours	medical staff shortage/ bed pressure	1

Please note: The children's wards never 'close'. If there is not a bed available to admit a paediatric patient they would still be assessed and stabilised before being discharged or transferred as appropriate.

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
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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