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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 October 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 adult hearing services. Specifically you asked:

***We are conducting research into the number of NHS providers that also offer a private adult hearing aid service. Please can you complete the FOI questions below:***

***Q1. Name of your organisation?***

Answer: County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

***Q2. How many Hearing Aid Dispensers (HADs), registered with the Health and Care Professions Council, work for you? (Please include the headcount, regardless of type of cover HADs provide. For example if you have a HAD that only covers one session on a self-employed basis, note 1. If you have a HAD that works full time, note 1).***

Answer: Zero.

***Q3. Do you offer a private adult hearing aid service?***

Answer: No.

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  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**