Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 January 2018 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 bank & agency nurses. Specifically you asked:

**Question 1**
- **How many hours did nurses on the hospital/Trust bank work during 2017?**

Answer: 275,880.47 hours were worked by nurses on the hospital/Trust bank during 2017.

- **How many nurses from the hospital/Trust bank worked during 2017?**

Answer: Unable to confirm how many individual nurses worked due to the information available, but from the hours paid this would equate to 613 nurses working from the hospital/Trust bank on average each month.

- **How much did the Trust spend on bank nurses in 2017?**


- **How many hours did external temporary (agency) nurses work for the Trust during 2017?**

Answer: 23,798.39 hours were worked for the Trust by external temporary agency nurses during 2017.
• How much did the Trust spend on external temporary (agency) nursing staff during 2017?

Answer: The Trust spent £735,388.96 on external temporary agency nurses during 2017.

Question 2

• How many registered nurses (full time equivalent) are employed by the Trust on permanent or fixed term contracts?

Answer: As of December 2017 there are 1,795.10 full time equivalent registered nurses employed by the Trust on permanent or fixed term contracts.

• How many vacancies for registered nurses (full time equivalent) on permanent or fixed term contracts are there in the Trust?

Answer: As of December 2017 there are 175.28 full time equivalent vacancies for registered nurses employed by the Trust on permanent or fixed term contracts.

• How many registered nurses (full time equivalent) employed permanently or on fixed term by the Trust resigned or retired during 2017?

Answer: There were 94 headcount registered nurse leavers with a full time equivalent of 71.35 employed permanently or on fixed term by the Trust who resigned or retired during 2017.

• How many registered nurses (full time equivalent) joined the Trust under permanent or fixed-term employment during 2017?

Answer: 136 headcount registered nurses with a full time equivalent of 107.83 joined the Trust under permanent or fixed-term employment during 2017.

Question 3

• How many new registered nurses is the Trust planning to train using apprenticeship levy funding?

Answer: The Trust is not planning to train new nurses via the apprenticeship scheme.

• How many new nursing associates is the Trust planning to train using apprenticeship levy funding?

Answer: To be determined, not yet agreed with Health Education North East.
**Question 4**

- **How many student nurses did the Trust support on practice placements in 2017?**
  
  Answer: 314 home Trust student nurses from 3 universities.

- **How many of the student nurses on practice placement in 2017 were recruited by your Trust once qualified?**
  
  Answer: 70 newly qualified Adult Nurses. 5 Return to practice Nurses. 4 paediatric Nurses.

- **How many student nurses does the Trust plan to support on practice placements in 2018?**
  
  Answer: Student Nurses Numbers for 2018 have not yet been agreed but are likely to be around 365.

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.

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

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The Information Commissioner’s Office  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer