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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 17 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 spiritual/pastoral care. Specifically you asked for:

***I am writing, on behalf on Humanists UK, to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act. I kindly request the following information:***

***1. Please provide information on whether your NHS Trust currently employs any individuals for the purpose of ‘spiritual care’ and/or, ‘pastoral care’ - if applicable, please indicate which denomination each employee belongs to?***

Answer: The Trust employs a team of substantive chaplains (3 x full time, 3x part time) together with a larger group of bank (i.e. out of hours assistant) chaplains, honorary chaplains and chaplaincy volunteers.

As we reflect the demographic trends of the area served by the Trust, the substantive chaplains are of Christian background as are the bank chaplains. Our ‘honorarys’ are similarly, mainly Christian but include a pagan whom we call on an as and when required basis. We similarly have contacts for other faith group leaders including those of “non faith” background, from whom we seek support and advice if a patient specifically requested it. Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and traditions.

**2. Please list the specific job titles and, salary figures (per annum or pro rata) for each respective individual; detailing which are part-time and full-time roles?**

Answer:

1 x Senior Chaplain - full time - AFC Band 7 - salary range £31,696 to £41,787 (full time)

2 x Chaplains - full time - Band 6 - salary range £26,565 to £35,577

2 x Chaplains - part time - Band 6 - salary pro rata range £26,565 to £35,777

1 x Assistant Chaplain- part time - Band 5 - salary pro rata range £22,128 to £28,746

Bank Chaplains are paid an hourly rate, based on Band 6, for hours worked during a call-out.

Honorary chaplains receive no payment.

**3. Please provide details on whether NHS Trust have a specific budget for the purpose of 'spiritual care' or 'pastoral care' and, if so, please detail the total amount (£)?**

Answer: The Trust allocated £188,977 chaplaincy budget for 2017-18, which is part of the wider corporate services budget.

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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