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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 12 February 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 continued professional development. Specifically you asked for:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please could you provide a list of doctors who have taken study leave overseas in the past 12 months (up to and including the month of January 2018) as part of their continued professional development.

I do not expect you to name the doctors but please could you provide their job title/position, the dates of the study leave, the location (country and city), the name of the conference/purpose of the trip and how much money the Trust spent (either directly or claimed back in expenses) on the trip. Details should include amount spent by the Trust on accommodation, flights, conference fees and any other related costs.

Answer: Please see attached spreadsheet

2. Please could you state if the Trust has a specific allowance for how much doctors are able to claim towards their continued professional development each year.

Answer: £1100 per year

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
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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

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Freedom of Information Officer