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Mr B Gibson
Email only

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Dear Mr Gibson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 29 March 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 volunteers. Specifically you asked for:

I'm trying to get an idea of the number of volunteers who work in hospitals across the country?

I was hoping you could tell me how many volunteers you have working for you? I would appreciate it if you could provide figures for 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Volunteers (recruited by County Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust) not including Royal Voluntary Services (RVS). Please note, the RVS volunteers are independent of the Trust volunteers.

2015-16: 227 (July 2015 data)

2016-17: 230 (Dec 2016 data)

2017-18: 185 (March 2018 data)

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
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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