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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 21 May 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 Community dental services. Specifically you asked:

Please can you provide the following information for the community dental service(s) provided by your organisation for 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 unless otherwise stated?

### **1. Did your organisation provide a community dental service\*?**

***\*By community dental service we mean a service that provides dental care in community settings to children and vulnerable adults, including elderly and housebound people, people with physical disabilities or mental illness.***

Answer: Yes, we did provide a community dental service. *Please continue to Question 2.*

### **2. How many community dental service(s)\* were provided by your organisation?**

***\*Community dental services providing dental care to a population living in a particular geographical area, not specific functions or parts of a service.***

Answer: Number of services: 11

**3. Has your service been the subject of a tendering process in the last year (6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018)?**

Answer: No

**4. Will your service be going for tender within the next calendar year?**

Answer: No

**5. What geographical area(s) does this service/these services cover?**

Answer: County Durham & Darlington

**6. How many of each of the following agreements and/or contracts does/did your organisation have to provide community dental services?**

*Please write '0' if you provide no services under a particular contract/agreement type*

Answer:

Number of Personal Dental Service (PDS) agreements: Zero

Number of SPCDS contracts: 1

Number of TDS contracts: zero

Number of NHS standard contracts : 2

Other: N/A

**7. Have/has any of the geographic area(s) covered by the community dental service(s) that your organisation provides been the subject of a dental public health needs assessment in the past year?**

Answer: Yes

**8. Did your organisation receive the results of this public health needs assessment(s)?**

Answer: Yes

**9. For each band please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.**

*\*By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific band.*

Band	Currently (today) how many dentists are employed by your organisation under Salaried primary dental care terms and conditions:		Currently how many dentists do you hold as bank staff:	Currently how many dentist positions are vacant:	Between 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 how many (headcount):		
	headcount	WTE*	headcount	headcount	posts became vacant	vacant posts were advertised	vacant posts were filled. Please do not include partially filled positions
Band A	5	3.7		1	3	1	1
Band B	3	1.8		2	1		
Band C Clinical	2	0.8	1		1	1	1
Band C Managerial							
Band C Clinical Managerial:	1	0.1					
Other dentist:	1	1.0					

**10. For the Band C specialists you have please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.**

*\*By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific band.*

	Headcount	WTE*
Paediatric Dentistry	0	
Special Care Dentistry	2	0.8

**11. For each grade please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.**

*\*By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific grade.*

Grade	Currently (today), how many dentists are employed on each of the given grades by your organisation on Hospital Medical and Dental Contracts and who perform:	
	headcount	WTE*
Dental Core Trainee (DCT/SHO):	1	0.4
Specialty Trainee (StR)	3	1.0
Staff and Associate Specialist grades	0	
Consultant	1	0.7

**Please answer the following questions (Questions 12-16) for all the community dental service(s) that your organisation provide/provided.**

**12. What percentage of your continuing care patients have been offered a recall appointment within NICE dental recall guidelines in the past year?**

Answer: This information is not recorded by the Trust.

**13. How many patients have your community dental service(s) provided treatment for in the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 year?**

Answer: 9155

**14. How many courses of treatment have your community dental service(s) provided in the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 year?**

Answer: 7984

**15. During the financial year 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018, how many patients were referred and accepted into your community dental service(s) from:**

Answer:

A General Dental Practitioner (GDP): 2461

Another healthcare professional (apart from a GDP): 102

**16. Of all new patients referred and accepted into your community dental service(s) during the financial year 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018, how many waited or are scheduled to wait more than 18 weeks for:**

Answer:

Initial assessment: 0

Commencement of treatment: 738

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Officer**