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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 27 July 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 alcohol care teams. Specifically you asked for:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on alcohol care teams.

- 1. How many alcohol care teams has your Trust had in operation during each financial year from 2012/13 to 2017/18 inclusive? For each year please detail how many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff members were in each team and what was the composition of each team?***

Answer: The Trust was a partner in County Durham Community Alcohol Service to 1 April 2015. The team included managerial, nursing, social work, criminal justice, recovery and administrative staff.

Please see the contracted WTE for each year. Please note, as this can vary throughout the year, we have taken the figure employed at 31st March in each year.

2012/13 – 27
2013/14 – 27.8
2014/15 – 20.41

- 2. How many of your hospitals currently operate a 24/7 alcohol care team service with three or more FTE staff members per team?***

Answer: None

3. How many of your hospitals currently operate a 24/7 alcohol care team service with less than three FTE staff members per team?

Answer: None

4. How many FTE alcohol liaison nurses has your Trust hired during each financial year from 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive? For each year, if possible, please detail whether those FTE alcohol liaison nurses were based in an alcohol care team.

Answer: Darlington Memorial Hospital: one alcohol liaison nurse until this local contract was won by NECA Services Limited (circa 2014); this post holder was part of the Trust's gastroenterology specialty.

University Hospital of North Durham: approximately 2wte each year to 1 April 2015 (these staff were part of County Durham Community Alcohol Service).

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
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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