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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 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 private patients units. Specifically you asked for:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on maternity unit closures.

1. How many hospital beds have been set aside across your Trust for private patients in each year from 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive? Please include beds set aside solely for private use and temporarily for private use.

Answer: The Trust does not have any beds kept for private patients. On occasion, a Consultant may request to bring a private patient in and this would only be permitted if the bed was not required for an NHS patient. Therefore as a percentage our NHS patients are not affected.

2. How many dedicated Private Patient Units have you had across your Trust in each year from 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive? Please provide details where possible around the activity within the units.

Answer: There are no dedicated units in the time period stated.

3. How much has your Trust invested in Private Patient Units in each year from 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive? Please provide details where possible concerning what the Trust spent money on.

Answer: As there are no dedicated units in the time period stated above there is no identified investment for that purpose.

4. On how many occasions have patients been transferred into NHS care from Private Patient Units in each year from 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive?

Answer: The Trust does not have Private patient units.

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

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer