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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 maternity unit closures. Specifically you asked for:

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

- 1. On how many occasions has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions in 2010 through to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please supply figures for each calendar year.**
- 2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.**

Answer: for Questions 1 & 2.

2010 University Hospital for North Durham

Date	Reason	Length of Closure	Unit
08/04/2010	workload	4hrs	UHND
25/05/2010	workload,/ WD 10 full	4hrs 20mins	UHND
29/05/2010	workload	3hrs 10mins	UHND
02/06/2010	workload	Not recorded	UHND
07/07/2010	workload	7hrs 15mins	UHND
08/07/2010	workload	Not recorded	UHND
30/09/2010	workload	Not recorded	UHND
22/09/2010	workload	19hrs 50 mins	UHND

18/10/2010	workload	2hrs 40 mins	UHND
21/10/2010	workload	5hrs 45 mins	UHND
28/10/2010	workload	not recorded	UHND
30/12/2010	workload	4hrs 15 mins	UHND

2011 University Hospital for North Durham

Date	Reason	Length of Closure	Unit
07/01/2011	workload	18hrs 45mins	UHND
02/06/2011	workload	8 hrs	UHND
08/07/2011	workload	11hrs 50 mins	UHND
02/08/2011	workload	7hrs 45 mins	UHND
16/08/2011	workload	10hrs	UHND
04/09/2011	workload	6hrs 30 mins	UHND
21/09/2011	workload	6hrs 45mins	UHND
27/09/2011	workload	2hrs 35 mins	UHND
10/09/2011	workload	11hrs 20 mins	UHND
13/10/2011	workload	7hrs	UHND
17/11/2011	workload	7hrs 55mins	UHND

2012 University Hospital for North Durham

Date	Reason	Length of Closure	Unit
19/01/2012	workload	17hrs	UHND
24/01/2012	workload	8hrs 20mins	UHND
07/02/2012	workload	5hrs 10 mins	UHND
21/02/2012	workload	20hrs 55mins	UHND
12/04/2012	workload	5hrs 30mins	UHND
04/05/2012	workload	2hrs 10 mins	UHND
05/05/2012	workload	5hrs 15mins	UHND
05/06/2012	workload	9hrs	UHND
14/07/2012	workload	3hrs25mins	UHND
25/08/2012	workload	4hrs 25 mins	UHND
23/08/2012	workload	9hrs	UHND
29/08/2012	workload	4 hrs 55mins	UHND
07/09/2012	workload	6hrs 10 mins	UHND
05/11/2012	workload	2hrs	UHND
08/11/2012	workload	1 hr 30 mins	UHND

2013 University Hospital for North Durham

Date	Reason	Length of Closure	Unit
17/01/2013	workload	1 hr 30 mins	UHND
19/04/2013	workload	5 hrs	UHND
05/05/2013	workload	1hr 20 mins	UHND

09/05/2013	workload	3hrs	UHND
18/07/2013	workload	6hrs	UHND
18/08/2013	workload	6 hrs 40 mins	UHND
30/08/2013	workload	11 hrs 50 mins	UHND
08/09/2013	workload	3 hours 20 mins	UHND
27/09/2013	workload	4 hours	UHND
28/09/2013	workload	9 hrs 35 mins	UHND
02/10/2013	workload	4hrs 5 mins	UHND
22/10/2013	workload	4hrs	UHND
23/10/2013	workload	4hrs 45mins	UHND

2014 University Hospital of North Durham

Date	Reason for closure	Length of closure	Unit
30/01/2014	workload	4hrs 30 mins	UHND
27/02/2014	workload	7hrs 45mins	UHND
31/03/2014	workload	10hrs	UHND
14/05/2014	workload	9hrs10mins	UHND
01/07/2014	workload	4hrs	UHND
11/08/2014	workload	7hrs15mins	UHND
09/09/2014	workload	13hrs	UHND
10/09/2014	workload	4hrs15mins	UHND
22/09/2014	workload	11hrs	UHND
25/09/2014	workload	9hrs30mins	UHND
29/09/2014	workload	6hrs 45mins	UHND
03/10/2014	workload	11hrs	UHND
15/11/2014	workload / staffing	8hrs 30mins	UHND
03/12/2014	workload	4hrs 30mins	UHND

2015 University Hospital of North Durham

Date	Reason for closure	Length of closure	Unit
02/02/2015	Elevated workload	4 hours	UHND
15/02/2015	Elevated workload	6 hours	UHND
13/03/2015	Elevated workload	6 hours	UHND
22/03/2015	Elevated workload	5hours 40 minutes	UHND
23/05/2015	Elevated workload	3 hours	UHND
10/06/2015	Elevated workload	4 hours 15 minutes	UHND
07/07/2015	Workload	5 hours 30 minutes	UHND
30/08/2015	Workload	3 hours	UHND
11/09/2015	Workload	8 hours	UHND
22/09/2015	Workload	5 hrs 30 mins	UHND
25/11/2015	Workload	2 hours 30 mins	UHND
28/11/2015	Workload	5 hours	UHND
12/12/2015	Workload	3 hour 45 mins	UHND

17/12/2015	Workload	6hrs 45 mins	UHND
26/12/2015	Workload/staffing	3 hrs 30 mins	UHND

2016 University Hospital of North Durham

Date	Reason	No of Hours	Unit
04/01/2016	workload	11 hrs	UHND
05/01/2016	workload	12 hrs	UHND
07/02/2016	workload	8 hrs	UHND
16/02/2016	workload	6 hrs	UHND
18/02/2016	workload	9 hrs	UHND
06/03/2016	Workload	7 hrs	UHND
15/03/2016	Workload	5 hrs	UHND
28/04/2016	Workload	Not recorded	UHND
07/05/2016	Workload	5 hrs 15 mins	UHND
15/06/2016	workload	4 Hours 55 min	UHND
05/07/2016	workload	17 Hours	UHND
22/07/2016	workload	5 Hours 35mins	UHND
15/09/2016	workload	6 Hours 15min	UHND
16/10/2016	workload/sickness	10Hours 45 mins	UHND

2017 University Hospital of North Durham

Date	Reason	No of Hours	Unit
29/03/2017	volume of work + no beds	9.5 hours	UHND
June	increased work load	2 hours	UHND

2018 University Hospital of North Durham

Date	Reason	No of hours	Unit
26/01/2018	increased work load	8 hrs 45 mins	UHND
16/02/2018	increased work load capacity	7hrs 10 mins	UHND
15/02/2018	wards full increased work load	4hrs 30 mins	UHND
18/03/2018	staffing shortage / bed capacity	2hr 20 mins	UHND
19/05/2018	workload staffing shortages	9 hours	UHND
30/06/2018	workload/staff shortages	4hr 30 mins	UHND

2014 Darlington Memorial Hospital

Date	Reason	No of Hours	Unit
02.05.2014	workload	7 hrs 30 min	DMH
26.12.2014	Workload/staffing	10 hrs 15 min	DMH

2015 Darlington Memorial Hospital

Date	Reason	No of Hours	Unit
13/01/2015	Staffing/ workload		DMH
13/03/2015	workload/staffing	1 hour 45 min	DMH
07/04/2015	workload	7hrs	DMH
22/05/2015	workload	Unknown	DMH
22/08/2015	workload	7hrs 20	DMH
25/09/2015	workload	5 hrs	DMH
08/10/2015	workload	10hrs 20 min	DMH
30/10/2015	workload	10 hours 5 min	DMH
04/11/2015	workload	5 hrs 45 min	DMH
05/11/2015	workload	2 hrs 20 min	DMH
22/11/2015	workload	4 hours	DMH
05/12/2015	workload	5 hours 25 min	DMH
07/12/2015	workload/staffing	3 hours 15 min	DMH
30/12/2015	workload	Unknown	DMH

2016 Darlington Memorial Hospital

Date	Reason	No of Hours	Unit
07/01/2016	not recorded	8hours 40 min	DMH
09/01/2016	not recorded	Unknown	DMH
28/01/2016	not recorded	Unknown	DMH
29/01/2016	workload/staffing	5hrs 50 min	DMH
16/02/2016	workload	6 hours 30 min	DMH
03/03/2016	workload	7 hours 10 min	DMH
04/03/2016	workload	5 hours	DMH
17/03/2016	Workload	4 hours 35 min	DMH
27/03/2016	workload	3 hours 50 min	DMH
03/04/2016	staffing	14 hours 15 min	DMH
05/04/2016	workload	1 hour 15 min	DMH
11/04/2016	staffing	9 hours 35 min	DMH
29/04/2016	workload	12 hours 15 min	DMH
03/05/2016	workload	5 hours 40 min	DMH
18/05/2016	Workload/staffing	1 hr 40 min	DMH
24/05/2016	workload / staffing	6hrs 30 min	DMH
04/06/2016	staffing	2hrs 10 mins	DMH
04/07/2016	workload/staffing	8 hrs	DMH
07/07/2016	workload staffing	10hrs 15 mins	DMH
19/07/2016	workload	14 hours	DMH
21/07/2016	workload	Unknown	DMH
22/07/2016	workload	4hrs 20 min	DMH

23/07/2016	workload/staffing	4 hours 30mins	DMH
07/08/2016	workload/staffing	5 hours	DMH
03/09/2016	workload staffing	5 hours 45 mins	DMH
11/12/2016	workload	4hrs 20 min	DMH

2017 Darlington Memorial Hospital

Date	Reason	No of Hours	UNIT
11/05/17	workload	6 hours 55 min	DMH
24/10/17	workload	6 hours 15 mon	DMH

2018 Darlington Memorial Hospital

Date	Reason	No of Hours	UNIT
09/01/18	No SHO	9 hours 50min	DMH
14/02/18	Workload	8 hours 10 min	DMH
18/02/18	workload/staffing	3 hours 55min	DMH
02/03/18	workload/staffing	3 hours 30min	DMH
02/07/18	staffing	2 hours 15min	DMH

*Please note the data for Darlington Memorial Hospital is from 2014 as these were not centrally recorded prior to this.

3. For each closure, please state which maternity unit at which NHS Trust the mother consequently travelled to. If recorded, please state the distance the mother travelled because your maternity unit was closed to new admissions.

Answer: The dates are all internal diverts between hospital sites - either Darlington Memorial Hospital or University Hospital of North Durham - which are both managed by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust. This is standard operational and business continuity procedure within NHS organisations to ensure patient safety and manage care for patients.

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
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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