

Request for Information Reference: 09.18.18

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 September 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 cost of car parking. Specifically you asked for:

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust directly manages one site which is:

- Darlington Memorial Hospital

The remaining three sites are managed by various third party external contractors and are:

- University Hospital of North Durham
- Bishop Auckland Hospital
- Chester le Street Hospital

1. How much money did the Trust raise from car parking charges in each of the last two financial years - 2016/17 and 2017/18? Include a breakdown of staff and visitor/patient parking if possible.

Answer:

| | 2016 – 17 | 2017 - 18 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Staff Revenue | £419,197 | £673,546 |
| Visitor Revenue | £417,916 | £518,636 |

2. How much money was raised from parking fines in each of the last two financial years - 2016/17 and 2017/18? Include a breakdown of staff and visitor/patient fines if possible.

Answer:

| | 2016 – 17 | 2017 - 18 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parking Fine Revenue | £864 | £388 |

The Trust is unable to breakdown the fine information down to staff or Visitors due to the way it is recorded.

3. Have you increased the cost of parking in your car parks during the last financial year - between 2016/17 and 2017/18? Please give a breakdown of how much parking has increased by.

Answer: For the financial year 2016 – 2017 the Trust introduced parking charges for disabled users from November 2016. The parking charges are similar to the visitor tariffs which are:

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|---------------|-------|
| Up to 2 hours | £2.50 |
| Up to 3 hours | £3.00 |
| 3 – 24 hours | £4.00 |

Staff monthly tariffs increased in January 2017 by £3.00 per calendar month for full time staff and £1.50 for part time staff deemed as 22 hours or below.

4. Do you charge for disabled parking?

Answer: Yes, since November 2016.

County Durham and Darlington Services (CDD services) is a wholly owned subsidiary of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, they provide Estates, Facilities and Procurement services and reply as above.

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
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