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Email only

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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 22 October 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 diabetes. Specifically you asked for:

***I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information about diabetes care in your Trust.***

- 1. Does your Trust employ a diabetes inpatient specialist nurse? For clarity, a nurse specialising in diabetes care for inpatients in your hospitals.***

Answer: The Trust have a team of DSN's who have responsibility for in-patient diabetes care and ensure that they are rostered onto the wards on a daily basis (Mon-Fri) to review in patients.

- 2. Does your Trust record the number of days on average that patients with diabetes spend as inpatients in your hospital, and if so, what is this figure for 2018?***

Answer: Yes, for the time period of 01-09-2017 to 31-08-2018 (12 months) – 5.7 days

- 3. If you do record the above information (from question 2), how does this compare to the average number of days spent in hospital by patients without diabetes?***

Answer: Yes, for the time period of 01-09-2017 to 31-08-2018 (12 months) – 3.5 days

**4. Does your Trust employ a multidisciplinary foot care team to manage diabetes related amputations and if so, what is the staff mix?**

Answer: Yes the Trust operates a Consultant led MDT clinic along with podiatrists as below. We do have close links and access to Microbiology, Orthopaedic and vascular team.

The staff mix is:

Consultant  
Band 7 Podiatrist  
Band 6 Podiatrist  
Band 3 Podiatry assistant

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  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer