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

Thank you for your request for information received on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 extra beds for winter. Specifically you asked:

***As part of their winter planning, Worcestershire Acute Trust has identified that 200 extra beds will be needed this winter to avoid excessively high occupancy rates. I would therefore like to know:***

***a) Has the Trust made any assessment of how many extra beds it will need to cope with demand this winter (and if so, how many)?***

Answer: The Trust has assessed its bed requirement and has not increased the bed capacity but has put plans in place/arrangements to manage to a 90% occupancy figure.

***b) Will the Trust be increasing its bed stock as appropriate to meet the increased level of demand?***

Answer: Please see the response to the previous question.

***c) If so, has this been costed (please include financial estimates where possible/relevant)?***

Answer: The Trust is on a block contract.

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  
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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**