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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 22 January 2019 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 bed allocation. Specifically you requested information as follows:

We want to do a comparison with similar sized hospitals to the Royal Derby Hospital (such as Darlington Memorial Hospital and University Hospital of Durham) in terms of bed allocation, i.e. do we have the same, not enough etc.

1. The numbers needed are numbers of level 2 beds broken down:-

- ***Respiratory***
- ***Renal***
- ***Medicine***
- ***Surgical***

2. The numbers of Level 3 beds (intensive care beds).

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust has two acute sites, both of which have an on-site Intensive Care/High Dependency Unit. Both are flexible units combining ITU and HDU care:

- Durham: 10 beds in all: 6 Level 3 beds, plus 4 Level 2 beds.
- Darlington: 11 beds in all: 5 Level 3 beds, plus 6 level 2 beds

The number of level 3 beds can be flexed depending on the nursing staff available to give 1:1 care within the set commissioned budget. Both units undertake CVVH as part of an intensive care treatment plan – this is limited by the number of CVVH machines 3 on each site.

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

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Freedom of Information Officer