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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 February 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 Mental Health. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

- 1. For 2018, within the hospitals under your authority**
 - a. How many people, sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were placed in a Mental Health Unit as their designated “place of safety”?**
 - b. How many people, sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were placed somewhere else within the hospital, other than a Mental Health Unit as their designated “place of safety”?**
 - c. How many people were admitted to hospital after being sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983?**
 - d. How many people sectioned under sec 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 were unable to have the hospital as their designated “place of safety” due to lack of available beds?**
- 2. Same for 2017?**
- 3. Same for 2016?**

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Number of people	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX

I would like the above information to be provided to me as electronic copies.

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

Please see attached spreadsheet.

The Trust is an acute and community healthcare provider and the numbers recorded are therefore minimal. The Trust has provided the data available from the system used in A&E. The patient is triaged on arrival into the department with the police. Please note that if the police or other care provider issue a section 136 and this will not be recorded on the Trust's system. You may wish to contact Tees, Esk and Wear valley NHS Foundation Trust, who may be able to provide further information that they hold. We would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact that organisation via the following address:

Trust Secretary's Department
West Park Hospital
Edward Pease Way
Darlington
DL2 2TS

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