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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 12 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 the out-of-hours GP services. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I'm writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Could you please provide me with the following information:

- 1. The number of times in each of the last five years (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014) that the Clinical Commissioning Group - CCG has been unable to staff out-of-hours GP services?***

***As part of this, could you also provide:***

***a. The amount of time (in minutes) where out-of-hours GP services have not been staffed as mentioned above?***

***b. Which hospital or NHS service the out-of-hours GP service covered?***

Could you please provide this information as an excel spreadsheet with the following fields:

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Hospital/Service	Time from	Time until	Total time (h:mm:ss)
01/01/2014	Example	10 am	8pm	10:00:00

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust has always been able to staff the out of hours GP service and we have never been unable to maintain service provision.

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely



**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**