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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 15 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 staff in maternity department. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite in your maternity department between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?***
- 2. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are on-duty but not onsite between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?***
- 3. Please tell me how many a) consultants obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite on Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 8am to 6pm?***
- 4. Please state how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday?***
- 5. Please state the maximum distance on-duty consultant obstetricians and anaesthetists can live away from the hospital?***

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

Darlington Memorial Hospital:

- 1. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite in your maternity department between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?**

Answer:

- a) From 10pm to 8am: Monday-Thursday, a Consultant Obstetrician is present on site in the maternity department.  
From 10pm to 8am: Thursday - Sunday, a Consultant Obstetrician is available at request off site within 30 minutes and a 15 miles radius.
- b) There are 2 anaesthetists on-site 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday.

- 2. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are on-duty but not onsite between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?**

Answer:

- a) From 10pm to 8am Monday-Thursday, a Consultant Obstetrician is present on site in the maternity department. . From Thursday - Sunday, a Consultant Obstetrician is available at request off site within 30 minutes and a 15 miles radius.
- b) There are 2 consultant anaesthetists on-duty but not on-site between 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday.

- 3. Please tell me how many a) consultants obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite on Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 8am to 6pm?**

Answer:

- a) There is one Consultant Obstetrician present from 8.30am to 2pm on site and 2pm onwards off site.
- b) 3

- 4. Please state how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday?**

Answer:

- a) There is a Consultant Obstetrician on call from 8.30 am to 9pm all days
- b) .2

- 5. Please state the maximum distance on-duty consultant obstetricians and anaesthetists can live away from the hospital?**

Answer: Within 30 minutes travel time to site (travel time).

University Hospital of North Durham:

**1. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite in your maternity department between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?**

Answer:

- a) From 8.30pm to 9am Monday-Thursday am, a Consultant Obstetrician is present on site in the maternity department. . From 8:30am, another Consultant would be on site. From 9pm Thursday night till Friday morning 8.30 am, same for Friday, Saturday and Sunday a Consultant Obstetrician is available at request off site within 30 minutes and a 15 miles radius.
- b) One consultant anaesthetist is on call and available to attend if required.

**2. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are on-duty but not onsite between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?**

Answer:

- a) From 8.30pm to 9am Monday-Thursday am, a Consultant Obstetrician is present on site in the maternity department as on call. From 8:30am, another Consultant would be on site. From 9pm Thursday night till Friday morning 8.30 am, same for Friday, Saturday and Sunday a Consultant Obstetrician is available at request off site within 30 minutes and a 15 miles radius.
- b) One.

**3. Please tell me how many a) consultants obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite on Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 8am to 6pm?**

Answer:

- a) Between 8am and 6pm, on Saturday and Sunday, there is one Consultant Obstetrician present from 8.30am to 2.30pm on site and 2.30pm onwards off site.
- b) Saturday and Sunday 08:00 – 18:00, one consultant anaesthetist is on call covering maternity and is usually on site within these hours

**4. Please state how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday?**

Answer:

- a) Between 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday there is a Consultant Obstetrician on call from 8.30am to 9pm all days.
- b) Monday-Friday 0800-1800, there is a dedicated consultant anaesthetist on site with sole responsibility for maternity

**5. Please state the maximum distance on-duty consultant obstetricians and anaesthetists can live away from the hospital?**

Answer: As per Trust policy within 30 minute distance.

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Officer**