

Request for Information Reference: 02.19.39

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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 19 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 air flow systems. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Could you please answer the following questions with regards to this Freedom of Information request:

- 1. What air flow systems are being used in the theatres within your trust's hospitals during surgery? (brand and type)***
- 2. Do any of the hospitals within your trust use laminar air flow systems during surgery?***
- 3. Please can you specify which hospitals use which systems?***

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Please see answers below:

	DMH	UHND	BAH	CLS
What air flow systems are being used in the theatres within your trust's hospitals during surgery? (brand and type)	<p>The Air handling units at Darlington Memorial Hospital are provided by:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AIR HANDLING SYSTEMS LIMITED 3 – 5 Furnace Industrial Estate Shildon County Durham DL4 1QB</p> <p>All air handling units are multi sectional and bespoke for each theatre.</p> <p>Theatre Ventilation: Dedicated supply and extract Air handling plant has been provided for each theatre. Supply and extract fans have been provided with duty standby/motors. Plant maintains pressures and air volumes in accordance with HTM guidance. Pressure stabilisers have been strategically located to maintain theatre pressure regimes. Automatic smoke/fire dampers have been provided where required.</p>	Barkell (Manufacturer) inline AHU's are used to supply theatres.	Air Handlers are manufactured by "Fre-sh-air" of Huddersfield	Nil
Do any of the hospitals within your trust use laminar air flow systems during surgery?	Yes	Theatres 7, 8 and 10 are UCV theatres.	Theatres 1-4	Nil
Please can you specify which hospitals use which systems?	Darlington Memorial Hospital has five Ultra Clean Ventilation (UCV) canopies, available for use. All five theatre can be used as a conventional Theatre	UCV theatres also have a MAT MK 3 Ultra Clean Ventilator (UCV)	All four main theatres are now U.C.V. and are fitted with Howarth X-Flow canopies.	Nil

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