

Request for Information Reference: 04.19.07

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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 2nd April 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 car parking charges and fines. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. How much money did the Trust raise from car parking charges in each of the last two financial years - 2017/18 and 2018/19? Include a breakdown of staff and visitor/patient parking if possible?***

Answer:

Car Parking Revenue	Staff	Visitor/Patient
2017/18	£384,253	£723,372
2018/19	£582,573	£788,821

- 2. How much money was raised from parking fines in each of the last two financial years - 2017/18 and 2018/19? Include a breakdown of staff and visitor/patient fines if possible?***

Answer:

Car Parking Revenue	Fines
2017/18	£10,071
2018/19	£8,765

We are unable to provide a staff/public split.

3. Have you increased the cost of parking in your car parks during the last financial year - between 2017/18 and 2018/19? Please give a breakdown of how much parking has increased by?

Answer: Yes.

Staff	Pre 01.12.2018	Post 01.12.2018
Band 1 – 3	£19.00	£23.00
Band 4 – 7	£27.00	£29.00
Band 8+ and above	£30.00	£32.00
Directors/Consultants/VSMS	£30.00	£45.00
Employees contracted to work 22 hours or less and those deemed community workers' pay half the relevant rate.		

Visitors / Patients	Pre 01.12.2018	Post 01.12.2018
Up to 2 hours	£2.50	£3.00
Up to 3 hours	£3.00	£4.00
Up to 24 hours	£4.00	£6.00

4. Do you charge for disabled parking?

Answer: Yes.

5. Is your car park managed by a private firm? If so, what proportion of revenue created by a) parking income and b) parking fines does the firm take?

The Trust provide car parking services at four main sites which are as follows:

- Darlington Memorial Hospital
- University Hospital of North Durham*
- Bishop Auckland Hospital*
- Chester le Street Hospital*

All sites with the exception of Darlington Memorial Hospital are Private Finance Initiative (PFI) sites and as such are managed by the respective site service provider as part of their overarching concession agreement.

*The car parking facilities are provided under a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and the revenue apportionment and associated costs are deemed commercially sensitive information.

It is not the policy of the respective Company to release to third parties, details of such agreements, as they are considered, by the Commissioner of Information's Office, exempt from the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

County Durham and Darlington Services (CDD services) is a wholly owned subsidiary of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, they provide Estates, Facilities and Procurement services and reply as above.

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

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