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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 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 births. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. *The number of live births at your consultant-led maternity unit at Darlington Memorial Hospital (DMH), for 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018?*

Answer: Livebirths at DMH per calendar year:

Year	Livebirths
2014:	2203
2015:	2249
2016:	2099
2017:	1960
2018:	1921

2. *Does the unit have training accreditation? If not, when did it lose this status?*

Answer: The University Hospital of North Durham (UHND) and DMH have training accreditation.

3. *What permutation of consultants/middle grades/junior doctors was used during 2018?*

Answer: Rotas include Foundation Doctors, Core Trainees, Specialty Trainees, Specialty and Associate Specialists and Consultants.

4. How many obs/gynae consultants does the unit currently employ (April 2019)?

Answer:

Based on Medical & Dental Staff with Consultant Job Role in the Obs & Gynae Sector as of 01/04/2019		
Staff Group	Headcount	FTE
Medical and Dental	24	23.30
Grand Total	24	23.30

5. Are consultant/middle grade hybrid rotas currently used (April 2019)?

Answer: No.

6. Could you also tell me

a) Whether obstetric doctors rotate between Darlington and University Hospital, Durham?

Answer: No, obstetric doctors do not rotate between DMH and UHND.

b) Whether there are or have been any recruitment programmes beyond advertising obstetric vacancies (i.e. overseas recruitment programmes)

Answer: There have not been any overseas recruitment programmes.

c) Or whether there have been any incentives in place at the Trust to attract obstetricians? If so I would very much like to see details of these, please.

Answer: No incentives in place/ previously.

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
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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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer