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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 17 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 obstetric data for University Hospital Durham and Darlington Memorial Hospital. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***I would be very grateful if you could give me details of the staffing configuration for the above obstetric units in your Trust, as follows:***

**1. Do the hospitals both have training accreditation? If not, when was it lost?**

Answer: Both hospitals have training accreditation.

**2. How many obstetric/obs-gynae consultants does the Trust have?**

Answer: 13 consultants at UHND and 11 at DMH.

**3. How many provide cover in each consultant-led unit (CLU)?**

Answer: 10.2 consultants provide cover at UHND and 10 at DMH.

**4. Do some or all consultants undertake duty at both units? If 'some', please give an indication of the number who rotate between the units.**

Answer: Consultants from both sites provide clinics & theatre sessions at Bishop Auckland hospital. On-call cover is at one specific site only (no rotation).

**5. Do registrars work at more than one site?**

Answer: Registrars are allocated to each unit by the Deanery. If they have specific requirements which can be better met at the other site, arrangements are made to accommodate this.

**6. Do trainees spend time at both hospitals?**

Answer: Trainees would spend time at both sites for formal teaching sessions arranged by the College Tutors

**7. Would you please supply a link to the Trust's list of consultants/professors?**

Answer: Please see lists below:

UHND
Dr Sindhu
Dr Milne
Dr Gordon
Mr Bradley
Mr Arava
Dr Sen
Dr Yorke
Dr Mittal
Mr Wood
Mr Sengupta
Dr Ratnaparkhi
Mr Irons
Mr Sripathy
Dr Lloyd

DMH
Dr Goel
Dr Muhammed
Dr Weingarten
Dr Ranka
Miss Pathi
Dr Damigos
Dr Bodnar

**8. Are any special recruitment programmes in place or incentives used to recruit obstetricians to the Trust? If so, details of these would be greatly appreciated.**

Answer: There are no special programmes/ incentives offered by the Trust to recruit obstetricians.

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  
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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