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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 May 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. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Car Parking

Due to the issues around car parking within the Trust at the moment I would like to request the following information covering the year 2018/2019

- 1. Total income from car parking permits across the whole of the Trust?***
- 2. Amount of parking spaces on offer for staff where car parking permits are required?***
- 3. Total car parking permits on issue?***
- 4. How are the parking spaces distributed e.g. do consultants/ senior management have separate allocated car parking?***
- 5. Income generated from public car parking?***
- 6. What revenue from car parking charges is invested in the car parks to keep them maintained?***
- 7. What revenue from car parking charges is used to police the car parks?***
- 8. How many car parking tickets were issued?***
- 9. What was the revenue from car parking tickets?***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

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

- Darlington Memorial Hospital (DMH)
- University Hospital of North Durham (UHND)*
- Bishop Auckland Hospital (BAH)*
- Chester le Street Hospital (CLS)*

All sites with the exception of Darlington Memorial Hospital are private finance initiative (PFI) sites and as such are managed by the respective service provider as part of their overarching concession agreement.

*The Trust does not operate these car parks they are facilities provided under a private finance initiative (PFI) and so the Trust does not hold this information.

It is not the policy of the respective Companies 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.

Where appropriate the Trust's revenue share from these sites has been included in the figures provided.

1. Total income from car parking permits across the whole of the Trust?

Car Parking Revenue	Staff
2018/19	£582,573

2. Amount of parking spaces on offer for staff where car parking permits are required?

Site	Nos of Staff Spaces
DMH	563
UHND	761
BAH	218
CLS	53
Prospect House	48

3. Total car parking permits on issue?

Car Parking	Staff Permits
2018/19	4,599

4. How are the parking spaces distributed e.g. do consultants / senior management have separate allocated car parking?

Site	Nos of Staff Spaces
DMH	46 & 35*

UHND	46
BAH	34*
CLS	0

BAH and DMH: * spaces are signed for priority individuals but these can include non-consultant/ senior managerial staff dependent on their circumstances.

5. Income generated from public car parking?

Car Parking Revenue	Visitor
2018/19	£788,821

6. What revenue from car parking charges is invested in the car parks to keep them maintained?

DMH: during the period 2018/19 there was a capital / revenue spend equating to £224,000 which included the culmination of a two year building project that impacted on car parking facilities.

All other sites: these are managed by PFI providers and as such the investment and associated costs are deemed commercially sensitive information.

7. What revenue from car parking charges is used to police the car parks?

DMH: the car park 'policing' is undertaken as part of the contracted security function with costs associated to parking totalling £93,600.

All other sites: these are managed by PFI providers and as such the staffing element and associated costs are deemed commercially sensitive information.

8. How many car parking tickets were issued?

Car Parking	Fines Issued
2018/19	2626

9. What was the revenue from car parking tickets?

Car Parking Revenue	Fines
2018/19	£8,765

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
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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