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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 acute stroke units. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***The following questions relate exclusively to acute stroke units run by your Trust. If you have more than one stroke unit within your Trust, please answer each question separately for each unit and note clearly the name of the stroke unit each individual answer refers to.***

***1. How many stroke consultant vacancies were there in each of the following years 2017 & 2018? Please express your answer in terms of whole time equivalent?***

Answer: 2017: 4  
2018: 3

***2. What was the whole time equivalent for band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?***

Answer: 2017: 1.0 WTE B6 per 10 beds and 1.0 WTE band 7 to 10 beds  
2018: 1.0 WTE B6 per 10 beds and 1.0 WTE band 7 to 10 beds

***3. Did you offer a full time qualified psychologist in each of the follow years?***

Answer: 2017: No  
2018: No

**4. If yes, was one whole time equivalent (WTE) qualified clinical psychologist available for every 30 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?**

Answer: N/A.

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**