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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 16 July 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 the staffing and Brexit. Specifically you requested information as follows:***

- ***The number of healthcare professionals from EU27 nations who have stopped working for your NHS Trust in the past year?***
- ***Any risk assessments formulated in the last 3 months relating to a predicted increase in staffing vacancies as a result of Brexit, or particularly a no-deal Brexit?***
- ***Any planning documents formulated in the last 3 months which outline the expected response to increasing staffing vacancies as a result of Brexit, or particularly a no-deal Brexit?***

## **County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust together with partners in County Durham and Darlington Local Resilience Forum holds information on a wide range of subjects to enable contingency planning. This information includes considerations relating to the UK exit from the European Union. However I can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold the specific information that you have requested.

We are not obliged to confirm or deny whether we hold the information you have requested as this would prejudice or be likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. Section 36(3) of the Act provides that there is no duty to confirm or deny whether we hold the information.



County Durham  
and Darlington

NHS Foundation Trust

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

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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