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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 17 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 out of hours provision. Specifically you requested information as follows:

#### ***Freedom of Information Act - Request for Information relating to Out of Hours provision***

#### ***I wish to know which organisations hold the contract to provide Out of Hours GP services within your region.***

Answer: County Durham & Darlington Foundation Trust (CDDFT) holds the contract to provide OOH services in the following areas at the following times; Local CCGs separately commission expedited access services within Primary Care.

#### **Darlington CCG**

Darlington – 1800-0800 Monday to Friday and 24/7 bank holidays and weekends

#### **DDES CCG**

Bishop Auckland – 2000-0800 Monday to Friday and 24/7 bank holidays and weekends

Peterlee-2000-0800 Monday to Friday and 24/7 bank holidays and weekends

#### **North Durham CCG**

Shotley Bridge 1800-0800 Monday to Friday and 24/7 bank holidays and weekends

UHND 1800-0800 Monday to Friday and 24/7 bank holidays and weekends

***If the Out of Hours GP Services have not been contracted out, I wish to know whether your Trust uses agency GPs to staff your Out of Hours rotas.***

Answer: The CCGs commission the service which through a commissioning process CDDFT was awarded the contract. Agency GPs would only be used if all internal processes had been followed and a single vendor is utilised for this – Medacs

- **Name of provider or corporate body holding the contract –**

Answer: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT)

- **Name and contact details of the contract provider's principal contact or local decision-maker –**

Answer: Kerry Dawson General Manager/ Trish Bannar-Martin Service Manager

- **Whether the main contractor has sub-contracted all or part of the GP provision –**

Answer: CDDFT has not sub contracted any OOHs work. Primary Care/GP Federations would need to answer this for their services.

You should contact our local Primary Care/GP Federations in the first instance. If you wish to contact the local CCGs in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following emails addresses:

Clair White (NHS DURHAM DALES, EASINGTON AND SEDGEFIELD CCG)  
[clairwhite1@nhs.net](mailto:clairwhite1@nhs.net)

Sarah Burns (NHS DURHAM DALES, EASINGTON AND SEDGEFIELD CCG)  
[sarahburns3@nhs.net](mailto:sarahburns3@nhs.net)

- **Name of the sub-contract holder –**

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.



County Durham  
and Darlington

NHS Foundation Trust

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



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