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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 16 September 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 Changing places. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust. This FOI is about the number of Changing Places in your hospital. If you are unaware of what a Changing Place is I've included a summary below and a link you may find useful.

Changing Places toilets have adult changing bench and hoist facilities as well as extra space for carers. This provides a safe toileting environment for physically disabled people who are non-ambulant, as well as for those with learning disabilities who may need carer support. The equipment provided also ensures that manual moving and handling techniques are minimised for any carers involved.

Over 250,000 severely disabled people, including those with profound and multiple learning disabilities in the UK, cannot use standard accessible toilets.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-places-toilets-in-nhs-hospitals-apply-for-funding>

Please can you answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of your NHS Trust?

Answer: County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Please can you name all of the NHS hospitals that come under your Trust?

Answer:

- Darlington Memorial Hospital
- University Hospital of North Durham
- Bishop Auckland Hospital
- Chester le Street Hospital
- Shotley Bridge Community Hospital
- Sedgefield Community Hospital
- Richardson Community Hospital
- Weardale Community Hospital

3. Please can you outline how many of the hospitals in Q2 have Changing Places toilets? Please break this down by the name of the hospital and how many Changing Places facilities are in that hospital?

Answer: Darlington Memorial Hospital, 1 Changing Places Toilet Facility.

4. Of the hospitals in Q3 that have Changing Places, please can you tell me where the facility is located in the hospital e.g. Department/Floor?

Answer: Main Outpatients Department, Ground Floor.

5. Please can you tell me if your NHS Trust has applied for funding to install Changing Places facilities within your NHS hospitals? If known please provide information on which hospitals you plan to install them in?

Answer: No.

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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NHS Foundation Trust

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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer