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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 2nd December 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 Friarage Hospital. Specifically you requested information as follows:

In preparation for the consultations on the long term future of the Friarage Hospital I would like to know what the impact level on the A&E and Critical Care services at Darlington Memorial Hospital has been since the Accident and Emergency department at the Friarage Hospital at Northallerton was downgraded on the 27th March 2019.

1. In the months July – November 2016, 2017 & 2018 what was the average A&E attendance from people in the County Durham & Darlington NHS Trust catchment area vs the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust catchment area?

Answer: The County Durham & Darlington catchment area for DMH is defined as patients belonging to the host commissioners 00C NHS Darlington CCG, 00D NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield CCG

The South Tees catchment area for Friarage defined as patients belonging to the host commissioner 03D NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG

Attends at DMH ED from CDD&D and ST catchment:						
CD&D	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average
2016	4849	4343	4460	4340	4324	146
2017	4634	4382	4484	4557	4615	148
2018	4513	4184	4293	4525	4603	145
ST	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average
2016	389	364	398	363	332	12
2017	424	374	395	407	392	13
2018	387	359	388	413	410	13

2. As of July - November 2019 has the average attendance to A&E changed at all, if so by how much and from what catchment area?

Answer: There has been a rise in general for 2019 but the % increase for ST patients in particular is higher.

CD&D	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average	% Variance from 2018
2019	5316	4746	4804	4710	4616	158	9.4%
ST	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average	% Variance from 2018
2019	593	564	602	639	591	20	52.7%

3. In the months August – November 2016, 2017 & 2018 what was the average ambulance arrival from the North East Ambulance Service vs the Yorkshire Ambulance Service?

NEAS	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average
2016	1493	1393	1448	1433	1559	48
2017	1430	1484	1368	1494	1421	47
2018	1565	1533	1472	1533	1621	50
YAS	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average
2016	153	152	169	132	139	5
2017	201	189	196	174	200	6
2018	203	188	183	215	184	6

4. As of July - November 2019 has the average ambulance arrival increased and which area has it been from North East or Yorkshire, if any increase at all?

Answer: Yes, increase in YAS arrivals at DMH

NEAS	July	August	September	October	November	Daily Average
2019	1557	1420	1436	1518	1475	48
YAS	July	August	September	October	Data not available at this time	Daily Average
2019	283	314	296	329		10

5. In July- November 2016, 2017 & 2018 how many ambulances were diverted to the Darlington Memorial Hospital from James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough?

Answer: Zero

6. In July - November 2019 how many ambulances were diverted to the Darlington Memorial Hospital from the James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough?

Answer: Zero

7. In July - November 2016, 2017 & 2018 what was the monthly bed usage in the Critical Care wards at the Darlington Memorial Hospital and which catchment area was the highest, County Durham & Darlington or South Tees?

Answer: The highest was County Durham & Darlington

CD&D	July	August	September	October	November	Total Bed days
2016	405	226	318	306	327	1582
2017	212	332	279	216	277	1316
2018	207	314	285	206	268	1280
ST	July	August	September	October	November	Total Bed days
2016	3	17	6	1	28	55
2017	12	19	2	47	24	104
2018	45	20	18	4	18	105

8. In July- November 2019 has the monthly bed usage altered in any way and which catchment area is the highest?

Answer: The highest was still County Durham & Darlington but whilst bed days for CD&D patients has shown a fall year on year, ST patient bed days have seen an increase.

CD&D	July	August	September	October	November	Total Bed days
2019	224	178	264	238	238	1142
ST	July	August	September	October	November	Total Bed days
2019	8	23	38	35	41	145

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.

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The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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