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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 February 2020 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 meals and malnutrition. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you please provide me with the following information:

1. Total annual budget and monthly breakdown for food for patients. Could you provide the data in each hospital for the last five calendar years for which is available?

Answer: Costs below are annual costs only and includes all costs including labour, disposables, food ingredients and equipment costs to provide the patient catering (ERIC Data)

2014/2015

Site	Annual cost (£)
Bishop Auckland Hospital	589,957
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	91,929
Darlington Memorial Hospital	1,163,298
Richardson Community Hospital	132,949
Sedgefield Community Hospital	94,351
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	107,673
University Hospital North Durham	1,928,224
Weardale Community Hospital	72,909

2015/16

Site	Annual cost (£)
Bishop Auckland Hospital	393,573
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	85,000
Darlington Memorial Hospital	1,143,928
Richardson Community Hospital	148,145
Sedgefield Community Hospital	112,033
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	106,170
University Hospital North Durham	1,481,595
Weardale Community Hospital	93,583

2016/17

Site	Annual cost (£)
Bishop Auckland Hospital	557,785
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	85,000
Darlington Memorial Hospital	1,264,987
Richardson Community Hospital	104,805
Sedgefield Community Hospital	97,899
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	51,344
University Hospital North Durham	1,575,428
Weardale Community Hospital	80,667

2017/18

Site	Annual cost (£)
Bishop Auckland Hospital	629,280
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	134,754
Darlington Memorial Hospital	1,457,257
Richardson Community Hospital	124,806
Sedgefield Community Hospital	106,785
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	66,246
University Hospital North Durham	2,062,889
Weardale Community Hospital	108,500

2018/19

Site	Annual cost (£)
Bishop Auckland Hospital	366,628
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	115,385
Darlington Memorial Hospital	1,351,615
Richardson Community Hospital	71,039
Sedgefield Community Hospital	68,828
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	56,194
University Hospital North Durham	1,894,741
Weardale Community Hospital	71,185

2. Could you provide a breakdown of meals and number of times served to patients over the above periods?

Breakfast is a bulk system so it is not possible to determine how many patients have been served. The data provided is taken from the patient menu cards and electronic ordering which give a combined figure. In order to approximate the breakfast figures, this combined figure has been divided by 2 to get the average number of patients and this is then added to the combined figure to give the approximate number of meals served. E.g. combined lunch and supper = 100, therefore average number of patients is 50 (100/2), and total number of meals served across breakfast lunch and supper is 150 (100 + 50)

The numbers provided do not include snacks.

2014/2015

Site	Inpatient Meals Requested
Bishop Auckland Hospital	116,624
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	25,116
Darlington Memorial Hospital	351,700
Richardson Community Hospital	33,945
Sedgefield Community Hospital	24,090
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	27,375
University Hospital North Durham	416,638
Weardale Community Hospital	18,615

2015/16

Site	Inpatient Meals Requested
Bishop Auckland Hospital	103,250
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	25,116
Darlington Memorial Hospital	347,115
Richardson Community Hospital	35,040
Sedgefield Community Hospital	25,185
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	24,090
University Hospital North Durham	411,537
Weardale Community Hospital	21,900

2016/17

Site	Inpatient Meals Requested
Bishop Auckland Hospital	102,312
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	25,185
Darlington Memorial Hospital	377,775
Richardson Community Hospital	27,375
Sedgefield Community Hospital	25,185
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	13,687
University Hospital North Durham	440,106
Weardale Community Hospital	21,900

2017/18

Site	Inpatient Meals Requested
Bishop Auckland Hospital	96,131
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	18,417
Darlington Memorial Hospital	331,690
Richardson Community Hospital	22,277
Sedgefield Community Hospital	21,184
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	10,930
University Hospital North Durham	427,483
Weardale Community Hospital	21,437

2018/19

Site	Inpatient Meals Requested
Bishop Auckland Hospital	94,306
Chester Le Street Community Hospital	25,185
Darlington Memorial Hospital	350,682
Richardson Community Hospital	17,427
Sedgefield Community Hospital	16,971
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	12,033
University Hospital North Durham	407,568
Weardale Community Hospital	17,643

3. Could you tell me the number of malnutrition inpatients in each hospital last five calendar years for which is available (ideally including 2020 so far)? Can you break this down by year.

Can you use the following codes:

- ***Kwashiorkor***
- ***Marasmic Kwashiorkor***
- ***Unspecified severe protein-energy malnutrition***
- ***Mild protein - energy malnutrition***
- ***Unspecified protein-energy malnutrition***
- ***Other malnutrition syndrome***

Answer: Please see below the number of patients with one of the mentioned diagnosis in any position by year

- Kwashiorkor

Year	DMH	UHND
2015	0	0
2016	0	0

Year	DMH	UHND
2017	0	0
2018	0	0
2019	0	0
2020	0	0

- Marasmic Kwashiorkor

Year	DMH	UHND
2015	0	0
2016	0	0
2017	0	0
2018	0	0
2019	0	0
2020	0	0

- Unspecified severe protein-energy malnutrition

Year	DMH	UHND
2015	1	
2016	1	
2017	2	2
2018	1	1
2019		1

- Mild protein - energy malnutrition

Year	DMH
2018	1

- Unspecified protein-energy malnutrition

Year	DMH	UHND
2015	14	6
2016	14	16
2017	26	13
2018	13	15
2019	16	21

Year	DMH	UHND
2020	2	2

- Other malnutrition syndrome

Year	DMH	UHND
2015		1
2016	1	
2018		1
2019	1	
2020	1	

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
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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