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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 1 April 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Firstly please accept my apologies for the time taken to respond. Your request was in relation to beds and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. How many hospital beds are there in total, in your Trust?**
- 2. Of these how many are:**
 - a. general care beds?**
 - b. acute care beds?**
 - c. for mental illness?**
 - d. for maternity?**
 - e. day-only beds?**

In order to answer your first 2 questions the Trust has prepared the following table. Please note however that the Trust does not have specific ‘mental illness’ beds as it is not a mental health Trust. In addition the Trust does not have a breakdown of inpatient beds for acute or general care. All inpatient beds are categorised as ‘general and acute care beds’ and as such an answer to your specific request cannot be given. However the Trust can provide you with a figure for the overall number of inpatients beds, day case beds and maternity beds for each of the hospital sites.

<u>As at 28 February 2020</u>	Inpatient Beds	Day case beds	Maternity beds	Total beds
Bishop Auckland General Hospital	102	61	0	163
Darlington Memorial Hospital	318	79	36	433
University Hospital North Durham	382	107	39	528
Shotley Bridge Community Hospital	10	0	0	10

Chester Le Street Community Hospital	16	0	0	16
Richardson Hospital	16	0	0	16
Sedgefield Community Hospital	16	0	0	16
Weardale Community hospital	16	0	0	16
Total	876	247	75	1198

The above table shows the Trust position as of the last bed configuration which was on 28 February 2020. Please note however that as your request was received during the Covid-19 pandemic the above may not be reflective of the Trust's current bed configuration as it is being flexed according to demand, on a temporary basis, and is under constant review during this time.

- 3. Which hospital has the most general care hospital beds, and how many are there at that hospital?**
- 4. Which hospital has the most acute care beds, and how many are there at that hospital?**

As explained the Trust does not categorise beds in this way. University Hospital North Durham has the most inpatient beds overall with 382 as at 28 February 2020.

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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