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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 5 August 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.

Your request was in relation to arrangements for staff unable to get to work during winter and Covid-19, and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. What plans do you have in place to support staff with travel to and from work between 1 December 2020 to 31 March 2021, in case public transport is disrupted due to severe weather conditions and/or COVID-19 lockdowns, locally or nationwide?**
[Such as: booking hotel rooms; hiring private accommodation; paying for taxis; creating special rest rooms]

The Trust manages issues with staff travel due to adverse weather conditions on an as and when basis, according to the individual staff member's situation. This may include shift swapping, arranging carpooling or arranging staff to work at alternative sites. The Trust has also implemented an agile working policy which allows staff to either work from home or at another site which may alleviate some travel issues in the event of either severe weather conditions or COVID-19 lockdowns.

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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