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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 7 September 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 hospital beds and ventilators and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Current number of total hospital beds, as well as number of ICU, NICU, and high dependency beds?

- 1. A list of each mechanical ventilator within the Trust by: brand, model, site (hospital name), location within the hospital (for example, ICU, NICU, emergency department, etc.), purchase date, and installation date?**

For clarification, the term ventilator refers to invasive mechanical ventilators and excludes devices such as dedicated non-invasive ventilators, automatic resuscitators, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) units, anaesthesia units and other miscellaneous ventilators. Additionally, the term ICU stands for intensive care unit, PICU stands for paediatric intensive care unit, and NICU stands for neonatal intensive care unit.

Please see the attached excel file for detailed descriptions of the information requested. Please note the following points in relation to the information provided:

- There are no purchase dates provided for the ventilators as the Trust does not record this information however the installation dates and the purchase dates are highly likely to be the same if not within a matter of days of each other.
- With regards to the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) beds the Trust does not have an NICU.

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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