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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 25 October 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 department breakdown and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please could you provide a list of all the departments/ divisions and the names of the wards in each department/ division? Could you also provide the number of beds in each ward and the specialty each ward covers? If the wards fall under different sites, please state what sites the departments/divisions and their respective wards are based.

Please note that the Trust has two main acute sites, University Hospital of North Durham and Darlington Memorial Hospital. The other sites are Bishop Auckland Hospital, in addition to Chester-Le-Street, Richardson, Shotley Bridge, Sedgfield, and Weardale Community Hospitals. The attached spreadsheet contains the details requested as at 1 December 2020.

However, please note that the example you provided with your request also mentioned “funded beds” and “flex beds”. It would be inappropriate to try to divide the Trust’s bed capacity in this way in the current circumstances. In common with other Trusts across the country, CDDFT is fully focussed on fighting Covid-19. This has necessitated, amongst other things, the bringing into service of the maximum number of beds we possibly can, funded by the government. These numbers can vary from day to day.

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. I am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. 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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Freedom of Information Officer