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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18 October 2021 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 the Trust's chaplaincy service and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. How much did your Trust spend on chaplaincy (or equivalent non-Christian religious/pastoral support) (pay and non-pay) funding in the financial year 2018/19?

£194,078 (Pay £190,910 & Non Pay £3,168)

2. How much did your Trust spend on chaplaincy (or equivalent non-Christian religious/pastoral support) (pay and non-pay) funding in the financial year 2019/20?

£192,445 (Pay £189,642 & Non Pay £2,803)

3. How much did your Trust spend on chaplaincy (or equivalent non-Christian religious/pastoral support) (pay and non-pay) funding in the financial year 2020/21?

£227,228 (Pay £224,639 & Non Pay £2,579)

4. How many chaplains do you currently employ and (if known) of which faith/denomination?

The Trust currently employs the following chaplaincy staff:

- 3 Full time, each at 37.5 hours per week
- 1 part time at 31.5 hours per week
- 1 part time at 22.5 hours per week
- 1 part time at 18.75 hours per week
- 3 part time at 7.5 hours per week
- 1 part time at 5.5 hours per week
- 1 part time at 3.75 hours per week

In addition the Trust has 5 bank chaplains who work as required to assist in the provision of out of hours on call cover

The Faiths and denominations covered by the chaplaincy staff are:

- Christian (including Church of England, Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and Presbyterian)
- Muslim
- Non Faith

In addition the Trust has access, as needed, to representatives from Jewish, Hindu and Pagan faiths/traditions.

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

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator