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Email only

1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 gifts and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**I would like a breakdown for the last two years (e.g. April 2019 to March 2021, or calendar years 2019 to 2021 if more appropriate to your organisation), of items logged on the organisation’s gifts and hospitality register by staff.**

**I request the following details:**

- 1. Date item was declared**
- 2. Description of item**
- 3. Reason for the gift/hospitality if provided**
- 4. Value or estimated value if applicable**
- 5. Whether the item was accepted or declined**
- 6. Role of staff member the gift was received by if known, e.g. nurse, doctor, midwife etc.**

Please see the table overleaf and note the information is for April 2019 – March 2021.

Date item was declared	Description of item	Reason for the gift/hospitality if provided	Value or estimated value if	accepted or declined	Role of staff member
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			<b>applicable</b>		
June 2019	Healthcare Partnership Event Conference, 2 days including 2 nights of accommodation and food	Conference and Networking	£300	Accepted	Admin (Management)
September 2019	Sponsorship to attend a continence conference	Specialist conference	£25 x 2	accepted	Nurse x 2
October 2019	County Durham Community Foundation Women's Lunch		£29.50	Accepted	Board Member
October 2019	Free lunch sample from new menu from supplier	Free lunch sample prior to orders	Not known but expected to be of a no greater than those above and below	Accepted	Admin
October 2019	NHS Confederation Dinner	Regional event	£25	Accepted	Board Member
January 2021	Thank you card with £30 in cash inside	Thank you for their care	£30	Refused	AHP

All gifts or hospitality accepted were approved by the relevant line manager and, if over £25, by the Trust's Chief Executive, Director of Finance or Chairman.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**