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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19th April 2022 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 chaplaincy provision and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Could you please provide the following information?

1. Are you:
 - a. an acute Trust
 - b. a specialist centre / Trust
 - c. a community Trust
 - d. a mental health Trust
 - e. other, please specify:

A and C. The Trust is an integrated hospital Trust providing acute and community services.

2. In total how many beds do you have in your hospital(s)?

965. Please note this figure does not include daycase beds.

3. How many staff by whole-time equivalent and headcount do you have in your hospital?

Headcount - 7690
WTE - 6648.63

4. The number of whole-time equivalent and headcount of substantive Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic:

Faith or Belief	Whole Time Equivalent (WTE)	Head Count
Anglican	2.1	3
Baptist	0.5	1
Buddhist		
Christian (other than listed)		
Eastern Orthodox		
Hindu		
Humanist	0.6	1
Islam / Muslim	0.2	1
Jewish		
Methodist	1.2	2
Pentecostal/Charismatic		
Presbyterian		
Quaker		
Roman Catholic	1.5	4
Salvation Army		
Sikh		
United Reformed Church		
Other (please specify):		
Unknown		

5. The number of bank / temporary / zero hours contract Chaplaincy staff by faith/belief demographic:

Faith or Belief	Head Count
Anglican	2
Baptist	
Buddhist	
Christian (other than listed)	
Eastern Orthodox	
Hindu	
Humanist	
Islam / Muslim	
Jewish	
Methodist	1
Pentecostal/Charismatic	
Presbyterian	1

Faith or Belief	Head Count
Quaker	
Roman Catholic	
Salvation Army	
Sikh	
United Reformed Church	
Other (please specify):	
Unknown	

6. The number of honorary Chaplaincy Team members by faith/belief demographic:

Faith or Belief	Head Count
Anglican	
Baptist	
Buddhist	
Christian (other than listed)	
Eastern Orthodox	
Hindu	1 whom the Trust call on an as-needed basis. This is an informal arrangement as they would be visiting their own community members
Humanist	
Islam / Muslim	
Jewish	1 whom the Trust call on an as-needed basis. This is an informal arrangement as they would be visiting their own community members
Methodist	
Pentecostal/Charismatic	
Presbyterian	
Quaker	
Roman Catholic	
Salvation Army	
Sikh	
United Reformed Church	
Other (please specify):	1, Jehovah's Witness
Unknown	

7. Does the Trust have Trainee Chaplain / Entry Level Chaplain (Band 5) roles?

Yes

8. If so, how many of the Chaplaincy Team are at this level (whole-time equivalent, headcount and religion/belief)?

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9. If so, are the positions permanent or fixed term?

Permanent

10. What is the rationale for Trainee / Entry Level chaplains within your Trust?

Using team experience to help develop another in the chaplaincy profession and forward planning for the profession regionally and locally.

11. Over the last 3 years has the Chaplaincy Team:

- a. increased in size
- b. remained the same in size
- c. decreased in size

If there is a change, please give the whole-time equivalent that has been reduced or increased.

A. 2.5 WTEs.

12. What steps or initiatives has the Chaplaincy Team taken to increase the diversity of service provision within your Trust?

The chaplaincy team has reflected on the locality demographics and increased team size and representativeness in order to accommodate this.

13. What spaces do you have for prayer, meditation or worship within your Trust?

The Trust has Chapels/worship spaces in the three main sites and one quiet room in a community site. Wards welcome and facilitate bedside worship, prayer and reflection with patients unable to attend chapel/worship spaces or where such spaces are unavailable.

Space	Yes / No	Number of these spaces within the Trust (if yes)	What activities regularly take place in this space
Chapel	Yes	3	Worship/reflection, prayer, corporate and individual
Multifaith space	Yes	3	Worship/reflection, prayer, corporate and individual
Single faith prayer space	Yes	2	Worship/reflection, prayer, corporate and individual
Designated Muslim	Yes	3	Worship/reflection, prayer,

Space	Yes / No	Number of these spaces within the Trust (if yes)	What activities regularly take place in this space
prayer space			corporate and individual
Quiet room / reflection space	Yes	2	Reflection, quiet time
Meeting room space	No	N/A	N/A
Counselling room space	No	N/A	N/A
Other (please specify):	No	N/A	N/A

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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