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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 19th August 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 the new hospital programme and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. Could you please provide an update on the New Hospital Programme at your relevant hospital?

a. When was the original target set for this to be finished?

- The target when added to the Health Infrastructure Plan/National Health Portal (HIP/NHP) programme was handover January 2024.
- The target once the decision was made for the Trust to lead by NHP etc. in August 2021 was May/June 2024.
- The target in March 2022 when the Trust Board formally accepted the project was January 2025.

b. When was the planning permission applicant submitted?

The outline planning submission was made speculatively by the proposed site developer. The Reserved Matters planning application is proposed for submission in Autumn 2022.

c. If planning permission has been granted, what date was that received?

Outline planning permission was granted for a mixed-use scheme comprising of:

- Community hospital and pharmacy
- Sheltered care unit
- Residential care unit
- Gym and wellbeing centre
- Hotel

by Durham County Council on 4th February 2020

d. Is the project forecast to be completed by the original target date?

Planning for completion is still broadly in the planning stages, early 2025 is the target date but there are a lot of factors that could impact the ability to achieve this.

e. Has a location been identified for the new hospital?

Under the Preferred Option the Trust intend to acquire the Land at Derwent View, a former steel works site.

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