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Email only

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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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 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 Learning disability liaison services and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

#### **FOI request:**

**I would like information on your trust's acute learning disability liaison service, which is a team that is specifically trained in caring for people with a learning disability following admission to an acute hospital (for example: <https://www.fhft.nhs.uk/your-visit/help-with-your-visit/learning-disability-liaison-service/>).**

**Please answer the following 3 questions under the Freedom of Information Act and see example answers as a guide.**

#### **1. Does your trust have an acute learning disability liaison service?**

Yes

##### **I. If so, what year was it set up and first became active?**

2011

**II. What are the service team's working hours? Does the service offer out of hours support?**

Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00 hours (We do work flexibly so will stay late to support patients and staff as required).

**2. Do you have any Nursing and Midwifery Council [registered nurses in learning disabilities](#) working in the acute learning disability liaison service?**

Yes

**I. If yes, what is the headcount number and their agenda for change banding?** *[for example: 2 X registered nurses in learning disabilities, both band 5]*

**II. What are the full time equivalent (FTE) hours or whole time equivalent (WTE) hours that this post or posts amount to?** *[for example: 1.0 FTE post which equates to 37.5 hours]*

Band 7, 37.5 hours/week and Band 6, 37.5 hours/week

**3. Do you have any other staff members work in the acute learning disability liaison service?**

Yes

**I. If yes, what is the headcount and their agenda for change banding?** *[for example: 1 x band 4 staff member]*

Band 8a, 22.5 hours/week

**II. Please specify the specific roles employed (i.e.: describe whether they are registered adult nurses, registered children's nurses or registered mental health nurses (not registered learning disability nurses) or any other kind of role?( For example: 2 X staff members, of which 1 is a healthcare assistant and 1 is a registered adult nurse)** *[for example: 1 X healthcare assistant]*

Band 8a Registered General Nurse, Lead Nurse for Learning Disabilities.  
Band 7 Registered Learning Disability Nurse, Specialist Nurse for Learning Disabilities and Autism.

Band 6 Registered Learning Disability nurse, Acute Liaison Nurse for Learning Disabilities.

**III. What are the full time equivalent hours (FTE) or whole time equivalent (WTE) hours this post or posts amount to?** *[for example: 1.0 FTE post which equates to 37.5 hours]*

Band 8a = 22.5 hours/week.

Band 7 = 37.5 hours per week.

Band 6 = 37.5 hours/week.

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**