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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 2nd July 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 Community Dental Service and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please can you provide the following information for the community dental service(s) provided by your organisation for 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 unless otherwise stated.

1. Did your organisation provide a community dental service*?

**By community dental service we mean a service that provides dental care in community settings to children and vulnerable adults, including elderly and housebound people, people with physical disabilities or mental illness.*

Yes, we did provide a community dental service. Please continue to Question 2.

No, we did not provide a community dental service. Please provide the name of the organisation that provides this service in your geographical area. You do not need to respond to the remainder of the questions in this FOIA request.

Yes the Trust did provide a community dental service

2. For each band please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

****By WTE we mean ‘whole time equivalent’. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write ‘0’ if there are no staff at a specific band.***

Band	Currently (today) how many dentists are employed by your organisation under Salaried primary dental care terms and conditions:		Bank dentists	Locum dentists	Currently how many dentist positions are vacant:	Between 6 th April 2023 to 5 th April 2024 how many (headcount):		
	Head count	WTE*	Head count	Head count	Head count	posts became vacant	vacant posts were advertised	vacant posts were filled. Please do not include partially filled positions
Band A	5	3.6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Band B	3	2.1	0	0	2.8	1	0	0
Band C Clinical	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Band C Managerial								
Band C Clinical Managerial:								
Other dentist:								

3. For each grade please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

****By WTE we mean ‘whole time equivalent’. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write ‘0’ if there are no staff at a specific grade.***

Grade	Currently (today), how many dentists are employed on each of the given grades by your organisation on Hospital Medical and Dental Contracts and who perform:	
	Headcount	WTE*
Dental Core Trainee (DCT/SHO):	1	0.2
Specialty Trainee (StR)	4	1.2
Staff and Associate Specialist grades	0	0
Consultant	2	1.6

4. How many courses of treatment has your community dental service(s) provided in the 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 year?

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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.cddffoi@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