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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 5th 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 Retrospective information on sexual health clinic staffing plans and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I am writing to request information on the assessed required staffing of the different sexual health/genitourinary medicine clinics run within CDDFT.

I would like to please request this information retrospectively over as many past financial years as possible. I would also like to request this information for each such clinic run within the trust separately and with them combined for the trust as a whole.

Please provide the following specific information:

- 1. The date of the production of the most recent assessment of required staffing**

Assessment of required staffing is an ongoing process and is part of the business planning and job plan cycles.

2. The date of the most recent review of staffing (not necessarily producing a new assessment)

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3. The date and result of the most recent prediction of the number of patients that will be seen in the next year (or another measure of usage)

The Trust uses the previous year's activity and any external information, such as an increase in student numbers.

4. The number of nurses at each level (e.g. the different bands) assessed to be required to satisfy usage in the most recent assessment

There is no formal assessment. Nurse banding is based on the need within the service and what competencies are required.

5. The number of doctors at each level (e.g. medical student/junior/senior/consultant) assessed to be required to satisfy usage in the most recent assessment

There is no formal assessment. Doctor levels are based on the need within the service and what competencies are required.

6. The number of healthcare assistants assessed to be required to satisfy usage in the most recent assessment

The number is based on how many appointments there are.

7. The number of non-medical staff assessed to be required to satisfy usage in the most recent assessment

The number is based on current service provision.

8. Assessed satisfactory and target nurse:patient ratios

9. Assessed satisfactory and target doctor:patient ratios

The service do not work to target ratios.

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