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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18th November 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 ophthalmology contracts and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. When is the current contract for IOLs (Intraocular lenses) in Ophthalmology up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.

Not currently in contract

2. When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.

Under warranty until January 2023.

3. When is your VR machinery (for vitreoretinal) contract up for renewal? Please provide contract end date and extension options.

Darlington Memorial Hospital – 02/12/2022 (PO in progress for 1 year renewal)
Bishop Auckland Hospital – 13/10/2023

4. What is your current Route to Market for IOLs, Phaco and VR?

NHS Supply Chain

5. When does your procurement department plan to actively start in pretender engagement for IOLs, Phaco and VR? Please include the date.

The Trust are unable to provide an indication at this time due to other procurement priorities.

6. Who is your current IOL provider and what brand of IOL you currently use?

Rayner

7. Who is your current Phaco machine provider?

Under warranty from Alcon

8. Who is your current VR machine provider?

Alcon

9. How many Phaco machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?

2, both 11 months old

10. How many VR machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?

2, one is 8 years old and one is 4 years old

11. How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between: 2019-2020 2021-2022 Calendar Year

2019 - 13

2020 - 1

2021 - 1

2022 - 41

12. Do you have any subcontracting arrangements for Cataract Surgery with the independent sector within this financial year, if so please provide details including volumes?

No subcontracting arrangement.

13. Who is the procurement lead or lead Trust for Ophthalmology on behalf of your ICS, and what plans do you have for Ophthalmology?

There is no dedicated lead for this product. Projects are allocated within the procurement team on a case by case basis.

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