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Email only

30<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 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 Patient Flow and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. What are you currently using to manage patient flow at the Trust (manage the patient journey from entry to discharge)**

The Trust does not currently use an IT system to manage patient flow

**2. What is the contract end date of the above system?**

**3. What was the contract value for the above system?**

Not Applicable

**4. Are you planning on going out to tender, or review alternative systems within the next 12 months?**

There are currently no plans to go out to tender for a patient flow system

**5. Are you currently using an electronic bed management system at the Trust?**

The Trust implemented Cerner in November 2022 and this incorporates Capacity Management which the Trust uses for bed management

**6. What is the contract end date of the above system?**

2023

**7. What was the contract value for the above system?**

Under the terms of the Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case the Trust is claiming an exemption under Section 21 of the Act, namely the information is otherwise accessible from our website. The information requested is covered in the Trust's Contract Register.

<https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/our-services/non-clinical-services/procurement/information-for-suppliers.aspx>

**8. Are you planning on going out to tender, or review alternative systems within the next 12 months?**

No

**9. Do you currently have, or are you feeding into a CDR (Central Data Repository) or Shared Care Record?**

• **If so, what is it called?**

The Trust is linked into the Great North Record along with neighbouring Trusts

• **If no, are you planning to in the next 12 months?**

N/A

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**