14 February 2012

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“Act”) – Request for Information**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 January 2012 in which you requested information about overseas testing of blood samples. You asked:

**Does your Trust provide overseas testing of blood samples?**

If the answer is yes, please advise the commencement date of this practice, the locations where the testing is provided and the annual cost to the NHS for this overseas service.

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

The Trust does not provide overseas testing of blood samples.

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with you have the right to complain. Please put your complaint in writing and send it to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington, DL3 6HX  

[www.cddft.nhs.uk](http://www.cddft.nhs.uk)
If you are still not satisfied, you can contact the Information Commissioner’s Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner’s Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer