Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 June 2015 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the operating theatre information system. Specifically you asked for:

1. **What is your current Operating Theatre Information System?**
   
   Answer: Ascribe CaMIS Theatres.

2. **When was the Operating Theatre Information System Implemented?**
   
   Answer: June 2011.

3. **What was the initial cost of the Operating Theatre Information System?**
   
   Answer: N/A as the system is provided as a managed service.

4. **What are the maintenance costs of the Operating Theatre Information System, please provide the monthly or annual supplier charges for maintenance?**
   
   Answer: None as the Theatres and PAS systems are actually a single integrated system and costs for each element cannot be disaggregated.

5. **When does the contract for your Operating Theatre Information System expire?**
   
   Answer: April 2016.
6. **Do you have plans to procure an alternative Operating Theatre Information System?**

Answer: No.

7. **If so, what is the name of the Operating Theatre Information System you plan to procure?**

Answer: N/A.

8. **What is the name of your Patient Administration System (PAS)?**

Answer: Ascribe CaMIS PAS.

9. **When was your PAS system implemented?**


10. **What was the initial cost of the PAS system?**

Answer: N/A as the system is provided as a managed service.

11. **What are the maintenance costs of the PAS system per month?**

Answer: We are unable to provide the information requested on the grounds that this information is commercially sensitive and has, therefore, been withheld pursuant to Section 43 of the Act.

Section 43 (2) exempts from disclosure the following:

(2) Information, the disclosure of which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person including those of the public authority holding the information.

The service provider has categorically stated that they do not want the cost information as requested disclosed. The disclosure of this information would provide any future suppliers with an unfair advantage with regards to the tender process.

12. **When does the contract for your PAS system expire?**

Answer: April 2016 – Currently undergoing review with regards to extending under the current contract. If the Trust does extend the current contract there will be no tender.

13. **Is there an integration engine from your PAS to your Operating Theatre System?**
Answer: Integrated System.

14. If there is integration used from your Operating Theatre Information System to the PAS, what is the name of the software used for integration?

Answer: N/A.

15. What was the initial cost of the integration?

Answer: N/A.

16. Are there any (and what are the) maintenance costs for the integration? Please provide initial cost and any monthly or annual maintenance costs?

Answer: 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. 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 unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

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

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.
There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer