

Request for Information Reference: 02.19.42

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Email only

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

Thank you for your request for information received on 19 February 2019 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 gas and electricity contracts. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***You may think that I am looking to sell you gas & electricity contracts as a result of the questions asked, and answers you provide, but I can assure you that this is not the case, and I am trying to identify mis-selling in the broker market which is widespread.***

**1. Which energy broker arranged the gas & electricity contracts?**

Answer: Commercial Crown Services (CCS).

**2. Who within the organisation deals with the energy broker?**

Answer: Energy manager.

**3. Which supplier are the gas contracts with?**

Answer: Corona.

**3. What was the start date of the gas contract?**

Answer: 1st April 2016.

**4. What is the end date of the gas contract?**

Answer: Rolling 3 year.

**5. Which supplier are the electric contracts with?**

Answer: EDF.

**6. What was the start date of the electricity contract?**

Answer: 1st April 2016.

**8. What is the end date of the gas contract?**

Answer: Rolling 3 year.

**9. How did the broker tell you that they were being paid for procuring gas & electric contracts?**

Answer: Details form part of a framework contract.

**10. Have you had any issues in the past 6 years with energy brokers (and if so, what kind of issues)?**

Answer: No.

**County Durham and Darlington Services (CDD services) is a wholly owned subsidiary of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, they provide Estates, Facilities and Procurement services and reply as above.**

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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**

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