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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 8 March 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 NHS adoption of PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement on line). Specifically you requested information as follows:

1. Does your Trust use PEPPOL as the messaging standard for key documents (purchase orders, advance shipping notes, invoices) to be exchanged between the trust and suppliers?

Answer: Yes.

a. If yes, please provide the name of the PEPPOL access point provider (i.e. GHX, Pagero, EDICOM, Tradeshift etc) *Please see below for a definition of a PEPPOL access point provider?

Answer: Wax Digital.

b. What was the annual cost of their services in 17/18?

Answer: Peppol access point is free as part of our System contract

c. Contract Start Date - 01/06/2015

d. Contract End Date - 01/06/2020

e. Did the organisation use a framework to procure this service? If so, please provide the framework name

Answer: Answer: This was part of an update to the system under the scan for safety project carried out by North Tees. This was an internal development project funded by the DoH.

f. Please provide the name and job title of the individual who signed the contract?

Answer: Anthony Kennerley led this upgrade at North Tees.

g. Following the purchase of your PEPPOL Access Point Supplier, has the organisation seen any quantifiable benefits, if so, please provide detail of these benefits (i.e. reduction of hours spent on manual checks, % of tasks process automation, reduction in errors)?

Answer: The PEPPOL functionality has not yet been completely rolled out and tested. As such we would not expect to be able to assess any benefits at this stage. It is normal practice to follow up all projects in a post project review at least 6 months after full completion of a project.

2. Does the PEPPOL access point provider integrate with any other non-NHS systems to provide services, supported by and compliant with PEPPOL? (i.e. to provide Process Orders (PO's), Stock Items, Auditing, Fraud Protection etc.)

Answer: No.

a. If yes, please provide the name of the non-NHS provider and the type of service provided:

Answer: N/A.

PEPPOL provides a set of technical specifications that can be implemented in existing eProcurement solutions and eBusiness exchange services to make them interoperable between disparate systems across Europe. PEPPOL enables trading partners to exchange standards-based electronic documents over the PEPPOL network (based on a 4-corner model). These documents include e-Orders, e-Advance Shipping Notes, eInvoices, eCatalogues, Message Level Responses, etc.

Answer: Also have built a 3 corner model for orders via the peppol network for internal supplier such as local stock.

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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