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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 May 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 the PACS and radiology systems. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me information on the following requests:

1. Which company is your current Picture Archive and Communications System (PACS) system provider? (Image viewing and reporting system)

Answer: GE

2. When was the PACS contract implemented? When will the current PACS contract end?

Answer: 2015 - 2025

3. Is this Capital and Support or Managed Service Purchase?

Answer: Managed Service

4. What is the annual cost?

Answer: £320k

5. Which company is the Radiology Information System (RIS) provider?

Answer: Wellbeing

6. When was the RIS contract implemented. When will the RIS contract end?

Answer: 2008 - 2020

7. Is this a Capital and Support or Managed Service Purchase?

Answer: Managed Service

8. What is the annual cost?

Answer: £65k

9. Roughly how many reporting workstations does your department currently have? For Radiology, Cardiology, Vascular and General Ultrasound?

Answer: 9 cardio workstations (7 echo, 2 Cath Lab) and approximately 70 in radiology/medical physics.

10. Roughly how many Echo-machines are there within the Trust? And how many ultrasound machines in total?

Answer: 26 ultrasound machines & 9 echo machines

11. How many sites are these located in?

Answer: 5 US Machines at – UHND, DMH, BAH, CLS and SBH 4 - Echo machines at SBH, UHND, BAH and DMH

12. How many echocardiograms are performed per annum?

Answer: Approx 16000

13. How many general ultrasound exams are performed per annum?

Answer: 66,088

14. How many Cardiac Physiologists, Echo Technicians, Sonographers, Consultant Cardiologists are employed by the Trust?

Answer: 24 WTE cardiac physiologists, 13 WTE of which echo. 10WTE Consultant cardiologists

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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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
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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