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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 September 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 Ophthalmology at Bishop Auckland Hospital. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Please find below questions I would like to have answered via Freedom of Information (FOI) for Bishop Auckland Hospital.

The suggested relevant/responsible individuals in your hospital/Trust are likely to be:

- Procurement Officer for Ophthalmology***
- Director/Clinical Manager for Ophthalmology***
- Clinical Director of Cataract Services***

FOI request:

- 1. When is the current contract for IOLs (Intra ocular lenses) in Ophthalmology up for renewal?***

Answer: 30 September 2020.

- 2. Who is your current IOL provider?***

Answer: IOL Rayer and NHS Supply Chain.

3. ***Please provide annual usage in the following years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 year to date?***

Answer:

Financial year	Quantity	Spend
2015-16	1552	£104,581.96
2016-17	1210	£80,338.86
2017-18	1123	£67,554.69
2018-19	886	£51,755.79
2019-20	907	£43,092.22

4. ***Please provide annual spend in the following years: 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 year to date?***

Answer: Please see above

5. ***In relation to IOLS what is your Route to Market /OJEU reference and contractual commitments including extension options?***

Answer: The route to market was a direct award via the NHS Supply Chain framework to IOL Rayer the contract is for 36 months with no option to extend.

6. ***When is your Phaco machinery (for cataracts) contract up for renewal?***

Answer: 31/05/2020.

7. ***Who is your current provider of the Phaco machinery?***

Answer: Alcon Laboratories Ltd.

8. ***How many Phaco machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?***

Answer: 1 machine, 10 years old.

9. ***In relation to Phaco machines what is your Route To Market /OJEU reference and contractual commitments including extension options?***

Answer: Due to the age of the machine, the Trust does not have the information in relation to the previous contract.

10. ***When is your VR (Vit-Ret) machinery contract up for renewal?***

Answer: No VR equipment on the database for BAH.

11. Who is your current provider of the VR machinery?

Answer: N/A.

12. How many VR machines do you have and what are the age of these machines?

Answer: N/A.

13. In relation to VR machines what is your Route To Market /OJEU reference and contractual commitments including extension options?

Answer: N/A.

14. What type of contract do you have with your local commissioner payment by results, block contract, or an aligned incentives?

Answer: Block contract.

15. Do you currently have a managed equipment service within your NHS Trust?

Answer: No.

16. If yes what disease area?

Answer: N/A.

17. How many YAG lasers linked PCO (Posterior capsule Opacification) after cataracts have you undertaken between 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

Answer: 2017-2018 =90
2018-2019 = 177

18. Does your NHS Trust outsource initiative list for cataracts to a 3rd party suppliers to support capacity inefficacies?

Answer: Yes.

19. If yes is this contract between the Trust and 3rd party provider or the CCG and 3rd party provider?

Answer: Between the Trust and a 3rd party provider.



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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer