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

Thank you for your request for information received on 23 October 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 ophthalmic surgery. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***We are contacting you with a Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) request in regards to ophthalmic surgery within your Trust. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.***

### **1. Intra-ocular Lenses**

- a. *When is your current intraocular lens contract for Ophthalmology up for renewal?***

Answer: 30 September 2020

- b. *Who is your current intraocular lens provider/providers?***

Answer: IOL Rayner Lenses

- c. *How long will your future Intraocular tender contract run for?***

Answer: 30 September 2020

- d. *What is the value of your current Intraocular Lens Contract?***

Answer: £111,562 per annum

**e. What is the price of your most used IOL?**

Answer: Prices via NHSSC

**f. Do you use Toric Lenses for NHS patients or for private?**

Answer: No

**g. Who is your current Toric Lens supplier?**

Answer: N/A

**h. Do you have a Toric pathway?**

Answer: N/A

**i. What is the price of your most used Toric IOL?**

Answer: N/A

## **2. Cataract Equipment**

**a. When is your Phaco machinery contract up for renewal?**

Answer: Equipment is owned by the Trust. Maintenance contracts are 31 May 2020 & 28 July 2020

**b. How many Phaco machines do you currently have at your sites?**

Answer: Two (one at each site performing surgery)

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

Answer: Alcon

**d. How long will the future Phaco contract run for?**

Answer: N/A

**e. What is the value of your Phaco machinery?**

Answer: £162,000

**f. How many Phaco hand-pieces do you have?**

Answer: 25 - Bishop Auckland Hospital, 13 –Darlington Memorial Hospital

### **3. Vitro Retinal (VR) Equipment**

**a) When is your Vitro retinal machinery contract up for renewal?**

Answer: Equipment is owned by the Trust. Maintenance contracts are 13 October 2020 & 3 December 2019

**b) How many Vitro retinal machines do you currently have at your sites?**

Answer: 2

**c) Who is your current provider of your vitro retinal machinery?  
Answer: Alson Laboratories**

**d) How long will the Vitro retinal contract run for?**

Answer: Maintenance contracts are 13 October 2020 & 3 December 2019

**e) What is the value of your vitro retinal machinery?**

Answer: £147,286

### **4. Cataract and VR Custom Packs**

**a) When is your cataract Custom Packs contract up for renewal?**

Answer: Contract extended to 31 January 2020

**b) Who is your current Custom Packs provider?**

Answer: Alson

**c) How long will your Custom Packs contract run for?**

Answer: Ongoing

**d) When is your VR Custom Packs contract up for renewal?**

Answer: Contract extended to 31 January 2020

**e) Who is your current VR Custom Pack provider?**

Answer: Alcon

**f) How long will the VR custom Custom Packs run for?**

Answer: Ongoing

**g) What is the value of your VR Custom Packs for the current contract?**

**Answer:** £57,865.00 per annum

**h) What products are in your standard VR Custom Packs?**

Answer: Cassette and tubes, 3 x ports, table cover, patient drape, soft tip needle, spears, mayo cover, 2 x 25g needle, 2 x 21g needle, 5ml syringe, lacrimal cannula, eye shield, 2 x 3ml syringe, sponge sticks x 10, needle counter

**5. How many cataract procedures did you do in the financial year 2018 - 2019?**

Answer: 1986

**6. How many VR procedures did you do in the financial year 2018 - 2019?**

Answer: 1661

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.

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The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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