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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 20 July 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to contract surgery and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

### **1. Does the Trust provide Cataract Surgery to patients of the local CCG?**

Yes, the Trust does provide Cataract Surgery to patients of the local CCG.

### **2. Does the Trust Sub-Contract any or all cataract surgery procedures?**

Yes, the Trust has a provider who provides theatre facilities and staff with the Trust providing the surgeon.

### **3. If yes, which Providers does the Trust sub-contract with?**

BMI Woodlands is the Provider that the Trust sub-contracts with.

### **4. What was the average waiting time and waiting numbers of patients, in May 2020 and May 2019 for patients waiting for non-complex cataract surgery at the Trust? If unable to provide at that level please state and provide information at Ophthalmology Specialty?**

As at 31 May 2020 the Trust had 779 patients waiting and for an average of 126.2 days. As at 31 May 2019 the Trust had 857 patients waiting and for an average of 67.3 days.

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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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