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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14 May 2021 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 suppliers of blood collection tubes and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

### **1. How do you obtain blood collection tubes for liquid biopsies on cancer patients?**

Blood collection tubes for liquid biopsies on cancer patients are ordered via NHS Supply Chain (NHSSC).

### **2. From what suppliers do you obtain these products?**

NHSSC.

### **3. Were these products purchased through a tender or framework? If so, which one? Please provide details including the name, reference and where this was published?**

Purchased via NHSSC Framework: 2019/S 155-381895.

### **4. Are you under contract with your current supplier(s) for the above? If so, what is the start and end date of the contract?**

Start date: 08/03/2021  
End date: 07/03/2023

**5. Can you provide the name and contact details for the person(s) responsible for procuring these products?**

The contract for procuring these products is managed by the procurement team, contactable via: [Procurement.support@nhs.net](mailto:Procurement.support@nhs.net)

**6. Can you provide contact details for the department responsible for managing this service?**

There is no one department responsible for managing this service as these products are used in numerous different areas around the Trust.

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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