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Email only

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Dear

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

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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 Ophthalmology and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**I would like the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form:**

**1. Does the Trust currently use a Digital System / 3D Viewing System for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery, or for any other surgical department? [YES / NO / Other – If other please specify]**

No

**2. How many pieces of Digital System / 3D Viewing System equipment does the operating department use for Ophthalmic Surgery, and what is the manufacturer, model and age? [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]**

**3. Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department? [Owned / Leased / Rented]**

**4. If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs? [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]**

5. Does the Trust / Department plan to replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years? [YES / NO], [Years]
6. Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider? [MANUFACTURER / 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY / NO]

Not applicable to Q2-6.

7. Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for a new ophthalmic surgery Digital System / 3D viewing system? [YES / NO]

No

8. If yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place? [Expected Date]

Not applicable

9. If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years? [YES / NO]

No

10. Does the Trust have access to an innovation budget to support surgical advancements, for example to fund the provision of a 3D Viewing System for Ophthalmic Surgery to assist with training? [YES / NO / UNSURE]

No

11. What would be the Trust's route to market for a new ophthalmic surgery 3D viewing system? [Direct Purchase Agreement / NHSSC / Other]

Direct Purchase Agreement

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

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**