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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 11th March 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 Pathology Laboratory analytical devices and equipment and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

1. What Hospitals within your Trust run their own Pathology Labs or Departments?

University Hospital North Durham and Darlington Memorial Hospital

2. Who is the Laboratory Pathology IT Lead for these labs?

Mr Richard Pipes

3. At these labs what LIS / LIMS Solution are used to manage the day-to-day service.

Clinisy Winpath v5

4. When is the labs respective LIS / LIMS contract due for renewal?

April 2024

- 5. Are the Trust / network planning to replace the LIS / LIMS at any point in any of your hospitals in the near future? Are there any plans to move to a Pathology Network wide LIS / LIMS for instance (and if so – can you state at this time which Solution)?**

Yes, as a network to Cerner pathnet

- 6. Do your Labs work with or have ties to other organisations that mean they work as a part of another Pathology collaborative (and will this impact how your labs your work within the Regional Pathology Network that they have been assigned to)?**

No

- 7. What Middleware solutions do your Labs use if any?**

Clinisys Data Manager

- 8. How many tests per year do your Labs do?**

15.8 million Excluding referrals (which total 368,000)

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.cddffoi@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.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator