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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14th June 2022 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 end of life equipment and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

I would like to know (segmented by hospital):

1. The process which the hospital follows for end-of-life equipment

A condemn note is raised and sent to the equipment owner stating the reason for disposal, e.g. beyond economic repair. Equipment is removed from the asset database 'live' record and sent for auction via BMA (British Medical Auctions).

2. The process by which the hospital decides that an equipment has reached its end of life

Replacement through the capital replacement programme or, revenue replacement programme. Damage leading to deemed uneconomical repair. Manufacturer ceases support.

3. Which companies the hospital works with in order to dispose of / sell off / repurpose... medical equipment

British Medical Auctions

4. The past data which the hospital has on where equipment has gone

Backtraq record/Waste Management records

5. The data on which medical equipment that the hospital has which is about to reach its end of life

Backtraq Records

6. The data on which medical equipment the hospital currently has, when it was sourced and where it was sourced from, at what price

Backtraq Records

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.

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