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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to NICE guidelines.

You asked:

We are looking specifically at diagnostics - NICE Guidance - DG34 - tumour profiling for breast cancer, as a recent example. We would like to understand any procurement plans you have in place as a result of this? Including dates, procurement route (open, restricted), regime (whether light touch regime, standard OJEU), likely weightings (quality vs price), or via NHS Supply Chain or other framework provider?

Trust response:

We have contacted both the Trust Procurement Team and the Cancer Services Directorate regarding the request.

The Procurement Team would not have any information on what may have changed in these guidelines as they relate to acceptable clinical processes.

The Cancer Services Directorate has responded as follows:

When any new NICE guidelines are received they are discussed with the relevant parties and discussed at the TSSG (Tumour site specific group). A recommendation is then made from there on how/if to implement. At these groups there are representatives from all specialities, Medical, Pharmacy etc.