

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 19/20: 214**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 18/07/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

*We are currently researching the NICE Guidelines and its impact on procurement, and access to the market.*

*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?*

**If NICE GUIDELINES changed or a recommendation made we would take the following action:**

**If by innovation there was no other entrant to the market we would publish a VEAT notice to in effect notify the market an award would be made. This removes the needs to go through OJEU process and allows the market to be aware.**

**We would prefer to explore legal compliant frameworks first and discussion made with clinicians around the options, NICE Guidance - DG34 refers to three suppliers for commercial and access options, these would be discussed with the clinician.**

**The trust is currently undertaking a procurement review which will be concluded this year.**