

**Response document – FOI request 6033**

**Request**

Under the freedom of information act, I wish to request the following information:

The Pathology network across the UK is undergoing changes within the NHS Improvement project and will see South Tees NHS Trust labs being a Hub lab under the Agreement on partnership operating model which has now been agreed across all Trusts in the North East.

The following information that I would like to know:

- 1) What is the agreement on the partnership model for the South Tees NHS Trust Labs?
- 2) Will the South Tees NHS Trust Labs lab downsize?
- 3) What will the impact be on the employment of all grades lab staff such as MLA's?
- 4) Would GP/Non urgent work still be booked in and/or processed at Friarage Hospital?
- 5) How much money would the trust save under the proposed plan?
- 6) When will the changes take effect?
- 7) Is the trust considering on outsourcing the lab to a service provider?
- 8) Who can I contact for further information on the proposed plan?

**Response**

The outline business case has not been ratified by all relevant Trust Boards therefore the information is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The requested information intends to be made available at a future date.